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SPEAKS IN DEFENSE OF NE TEMERE

REV. FATHER VAUGHAN DISCUSSES DECREE

Declares Church and Law in England Differ Regarding Marriage

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Before fifteen hundred people, a large number of whom were Protestants, and who completely filled Our Lady of Lourdes church, Rev. Father Vaughan uttered a defence of the "Ne Temere" decree, in which he maintained that in England the State and the Established Church were not at one regarding what marriages were legal or illegal. Father Vaughan also expressed himself as of the opinion that in the British Empire every person ought to consider it not only his privilege but his duty to speak the language which was the language of the Empire. Other languages, he said, must be tolerated, but the dominant language must be English.

Referring to the "Ne Temere" decree, Father Vaughan said he thought that non-Catholic clergymen, instead of getting absorbed in the business of misrepresenting that Papal decree, might possibly do better service to their church by exhorting their people to attend some of its services in more than negligible quantities. Before undertaking to give advice to the Holy See and the governments of their country it might be well for them to study matters more closely connected with their own institutions.

"I submit," Father Vaughan continued, "that they might do worse than study the new edition of the Book of Common Prayer, especially the edition 'printed for the new reign.' There they will find that marriage with a deceased wife's sister is declared to be invalid. On the other hand, the law of England has made all such unions perfectly lawful.

"What legal right, then, had the State Church, which was the creation of an Act of Parliament, which might end it as it had made it, to proclaim that such marriages were unlawful? To me it is impossible to understand how with so many contradictory points about marriage in the Protestant church their clergy can venture over the borders to instruct us about a sacrament which they refuse to recognize."

Turning to the question of "bilingual" schools, Father Vaughan said that he considered this matter quite beyond the range of politics. "We could do with fewer politicians," he said, "and more statesmen. Everything is brought into politics.

"Although it is no busines of mine," he said, "one thing seems clear to me, that as we like to have but one language spoken in our home, so in the bigger house called the British Empire everyone ought to make it not only his privilege but his pronounced duty to speak the language which is the language of the Empire. Of course, other languages must be tolerated, but the dominant and pervading languade, without any question at all, must be English."

ATTACKED BY ROBBERS.

Missionary and His Wife Wounded By Chinese.—Mission Workers Reach Hankow.

Hankow, Dec. 27.—Eighty missionaries, a majority of whom are Scandinavian-Americans, have arrived here from the Laochow and Fanchong districts, in the province of Hu Peh. A few still remain at Laochow, awaiting the arrival of others from outlying districts.

Rev. C. W. Landahl, a missionary at Taihing Tien, at the request of the soldiers, took control of an improvised militia force for protection against robbers.

A letter from Sian Fu says the Rev. Donald Smith of the English Baptist mission, and his wife attempted to take the Chinese school girls to their homes in the north of Sian Fu. A band of robbers attacked them, seized Mr. Smith, broke both arms and slugged him. They then gashed his wife on the leg and left them both for dead, but they revived and were brought back to Sian Fu.

EXPLOSION WRECKS BUILDING.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Policeman William Hearn and John Flynn were searching a house on Fay street early to-day for Paul Lutz, suspected of having committed a murderous assault on a woman, when an explosion wrecked the building and hurled the officers into the street. Half an hour before the police had been notified that a murder had been committed at 92 Fay street. The officers found that Mrs. Ida Schultz, 55 years old, had been beaten on the head and was dying. Hearn was badly burned and bruised by the explosion, but Flynn escaped with a few bruises.

NATIVE FOR GOVERNOR.

London, Dec. 27.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Calcutta gives the rumor that Sir Krishna Gobinda Gupta, member of the Indian council, will be appointed governor of the new province of Benda. A native has never before held such an important position.

CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER

TORONTO MOTORMAN REMANDED FOR WEEK

One of Victims of Street Car Wreck in Critical Condition —Others Improving

Toronto, Dec. 27.—This afternoon the report from the General hospital about the injured in the street car wreck was that Robert Hall, who has a laceration of the brain, is in a very low condition. His condition has not improved any since he was brought to the hospital. Arthur Blow, Miss Brayne and Miss Patterson, the other three of the worst injured, are resting a little easier today and the doctors think they have good chances of recovery. Miss McMillan, W. Casson, Mr. Marson and Mrs. Wetherbee, are all reported to be coming along nicely and well on the road to recovery. At St. Michael's hospital Thomas Thompson is better this morning.

William Moore, the motorman, appeared in the police court to-day charged with manslaughter. He pleaded not guilty and was remanded for a week.

ROOSEVELT WILL NOT ATTEND.

Declines Invitation to Be Present At Peace Dinner in New York.

New York, Dec. 27.—Close on the heels of the peace meeting which was broken up by disturbers opposed to the ratification of the treatics with England and France, disagreements have arisen over what is being planned as one of the greatest peace dinners the country has ever seen, to be held here Saturday night.

It developed yesterday, according to a member of the committee in charge of the dinner, that former President Roosevelt had replied to a semi-official invitation to attend the function at which President Taft will be the principal speaker, with a letter declaring that his sentiments were wholly at variance with those to be expressed at the affair and censuring as "traitors" to their principles all those who accept the invitation to the dinner without agreeing with its purposes.

To arrange a harmonious programme the executive committee of the nationl citizens met and discussed the subject.

A member of the committee, who would not have his name printed, said that Mr. Roosevelt replied with a seven-page letter, leaving no doubt whatever that he would not attend.

By another interview Mr. Roosevelt signified his intention not to attend.

JAPANESE IN THE UNITED STATES

Returns Showing Large Increase in Immigration Declared to Be Incorrect.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27—The latest census report issued apparently indicates that the flow of Japanese laborers to the United States has not been checked and that the arrangement with the Japanese government is therefore ineffective. The official figures indicate that in 1910 when the census was taken there were 71,722 Japanese in the United States as compared with 24,326 in 1900. The increase is recorded at 47,396 in ten years and the rate of increase as 194.8 per cent, a rate of increase almost ten times as great as the rate of increase of the total population. The census figures are declared to be misleading, however, by those who are closely following the Japanese immigration situation. The statistics are entirely accurate so far as known, but they are likely to lead to incorrect conclusions. It is declared that had the census been able to give the figures year by year, it would have shown that the Japanese population are leaving this country faster than they were entering. In 1909 the Japanese who arrived in the United States proper numbered 2,432, while the departures numbered 5,004. The same year the Japanese arrivals in Hawaii numbered 1,493, while departures from Hawaii numbered 2,378.

FIRE DESTROYS DEPOT.

Elmira, N. Y., Dec. 27.—During a fire that destroyed the Atlantic Coast line depot here early to-day, four hundred pounds of dynamite in the federal warehouse exploded, shattering windows for several blocks and razing chimneys. One railway employee was slightly hurt. The property loss will be heavy.

MONTREAL EDITOR DEAD.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—W. E. Hunt, editorial writer on the Montreal Witness for 20 years past, died on Monday of typhoid fever.



Map of Persia, Tabriz and Resht, scenes of recent massacres, are on the border of the Caspian sea.

BIG ISSUES OF THE FUTURE

HON. R. LEMIEUX SPEAKS AT MONTREAL

Former Minister Says Conservatives Made Naval Policy Double-Barrelled

Montreal, Dec. 27.—"We, however, accept the verdict that has been rendered as the people's rule, but we make no apology for the stand taken on the question of reciprocity by the late administration at Ottawa," Hon. Rodolph Lemieux.

The ex-Minister of Marine and Fisheries was the guest of honor at the Montreal Reform Club, and most of the stalwarts of the party were present to meet the Liberal party's leader in the district of Montreal.

Reviewing the achievements of the Laurier administration, Hon. Mr. Lemieux contested the right of the present postmaster-general to claim credit for the reduction in the cable rates, when, as a matter of fact, he himself had brought about that reduction. The speaker then referred to the speech of the president of the Bank of Montreal, R. B. Angus, whose address, he said, attested to the prosperity of the country, which had been fostered and promoted by the late government. He attributed to the Fielding tariff in 1897 the greater part of this prosperity.

Reciprocity, Hon. Mr. Lemieux, declared, was not judged on its merits. The verdict was not a triumph of sentiment over self-interest, but of fear over self-reliance.

On the navy question he declared that the Conservatives had made the naval policy double-barrelled, one barrel for Quebec and the other for the English-speaking provinces.

As for the future, he said, there were big issues on the horizon. The west is crying out for reductions in the tariff, which, to say the least, will have to be readjusted. The consumer in the east also asks for relief. Neither did he think very much of the tariff commission or any other irresponsible body attempting to shift the responsibility from the minister's shoulders. Trusts, combines, and mergers, he said, must not rule the country. As for the near future, the speaker said that the Liberal party would reorganize and with a great cause and a great leader they would rise again. Sir Wilfrid Laurier was seventy, but they would remember that Gladstone was seventy-two when he made his famous Midlothian campaign. Consequently there was no reason for discouragement.

HUNDRED WITNESS TRAGEDY.

Woman, After Attending "Holy Roller" Meeting, Tries to Walk on Water And is Drowned.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 27.—After attending a "Holy Roller" meeting in East Macon, Mrs. Eliza Thorpe became so full of religious fervor that she concluded she could walk on water. Her husband sat up with her until daylight trying to convince her that she had an erroneous impression. When her husband left to go to work she called several of the neighbors to witness the deed and ran to the river, a block distant.

Upon reaching the bank she took off her shoes and waded into the water. In a minute she was swept under by the strong current and drowned. Nearly 100 persons witnessed the drowning, but were unable to prevent the tragedy.

STEAMER FOUNDERS IN BAY OF BISCAY

All but Two of the Crew Go Down When Vessel Sinks

Gibraltar, Dec. 27.—Still another vessel, the German steamer Chios, foundered with nearly all hands during the recent storm in the Bay of Biscay.

The Chios belonging to the German Televante line was proceeding from Hamburg to Alexandria last Thursday, when she was caught in the hurricane and sunk with all but two of her crew. The chief officer and one sailor were rescued by a passing vessel.

The Chios was built in Hamburg in 1891 and registered 2,500 tons net.

ATTORNEY KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE

Driver of Car, Which Contained Three Persons, Makes His Escape

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 27.—Eye-witnesses of the killing of Attorney Otis Ballou, formerly of Omaha, last night by an automobile containing three persons, say that the car, which was driven rapidly, dragged Ballou's body fifty feet. As soon as the wheels had thrown the dead man aside, the driver put on full speed and raced down the street. Ballou's skull was crushed in and a leg broken. The police have no clue.

SPANIARDS FACE ANOTHER CAMPAIGN

Reports of Fighting Between Troops and Riff Tribesmen in Morocco

Madrid, Dec. 27.—An official dispatch from Melilla, Morocco, says the Riff tribesmen, undismayed by a severe repulse of Dec. 22, reappeared in two fierce attacks on Dec. 23 and 24, which lasted for some hours. The Spaniards held their positions and forced the enemy to retire, but suffered heavily. Present figures show six officers killed and 36 men killed or wounded.

Reports of continued fighting in the Riff country, which has heretofore been pacified, foreshadowing the possibility of another campaign in Morocco, has created a painful sensation in Madrid and King Alfonso has decided to cancel all his immediate engagements and remain in the capital for the present.

DIE ON WAY TO HOSPITAL.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Within half an hour of each other two drunks were brought to the police station and sent to the hospital owing to their condition. Both died before reaching the hospital.

TO STOP JAPANESE COMING TO CANADA

RESULT OF AGREEMENT REACHED IN JAPAN

Member of Japanese Parliament Says Country Desires to Trade With Canada

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—That the Japanese government intends in future to send no Japanese immigrants to Canada at all, was stated by K. Miyako, lawyer and member of the Japanese parliament for Iberski, near Tokio, who is in town en route home from Rome. For some time past, as is generally known, Japanese immigration to Canada has been restricted, but according to Mr. Miyako, as a result of an agreement between different members of the cabinet of his country, it will in future be absolutely stopped. Mr. Miyako was one of seven representatives chosen by the Japanese parliament to represent it at the international congress of members of parliament to be held in Rome. On account of the outbreak of cholera there, however, the meeting was postponed.

Japan will be in the throes of a general election next May, he said. There is, however, no big question up. The navy matter apparently does not bother the people in the land of the rising sun, the cabinet being content to keep up the present sea strength without pursuing a policy of enlargement. What will be done in future, however, is a subject for debate. Military training is compulsory, the army being selected from the total able-bodied adult population.

In reply to a question as to the status of Korea, Mr. Miyako replied that it had now been placed under a governor-general, and was a dominion like Canada. The Japanese government was taking no stand in the Chinese revolution, he further stated, just looking on without interference, as nothing except perhaps Japanese trade with China was affected. Apropos of trade, Japan was anxious to secure both Canadian trade and friendship, as it had heard of business progress that characterized the merchants in the Dominion.

PLAN MODEL CITY.

Capitalists Have Scheme Which Involves Millions of Dollars

Montreal, Dec. 27.—What is declared to be the greatest project of its kind ever recorded in Canada, a scheme involving the expenditure of millions of dollars and the purchasing of big blocks of real estate in the heart of Montreal, with the idea of remodelling the district to form the nucleus of a model city, is reported locally to be the plan which a Toronto syndicate, headed by A. Emilius Jarvis is now placing before a number of English capitalists.

ELECTIONS IN P. E. I.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 27.—Nominations take place for the Prince Edward Island general elections on Thursday. The construction of a tunnel across the strait has long been the chief factor in island politics. The feature of the present campaign is that the Conservatives are now professing satisfaction with the proposal that instead of this a car ferry be established.

PERSIANS ATTACK INDIAN TROOPS

BRITISH CONSUL'S ESCORT ENGAGED IN FIGHT

Natives, When Repulsed, Carry Off Their Dead and Wounded

Teheran, Dec. 27.—W. Morgan Shuster is still here awaiting the nomination of a successor to whom he can hand over the funds of the country. The populace which holds Mr. Shuster in great esteem, is much incensed against the cabinet because of its action in dismissing him. Many protests have been sent to the authorities.

Dispatches from Shiraz received here give further details of the attack at Kaseroon. The Indian troops were escorting W. A. Smart, British consul at Shiraz, from Bushiere to his post. In the vicinity of Kaseroon fifty-five miles west of Shiraz, they were attacked on all sides by the Persians. A desperate fight ensued. The Persians were driven off and it is believed they carried several dead and wounded with them, while the Indian cavalrymen also suffered a number of casualties, including two killed.

During the fighting Mr. Smart disappeared and it is not known what has become of him. His wounded horse was found at the roadside.

Opposes Withdrawal of Troops.

London, Dec. 27.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph understands that Foreign Minister Sazoneff favors the withdrawal of troops from Persia at the earliest possible date. Premier Kokovsoff, however, disagrees on this point, and, says the correspondent, is master of the situation and promises to be quite as powerful as Stolypin was.

Reports of Atrocities.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—The Russian troops continue to kill Persians in Tabriz, according to dispatches received in Washington yesterday from official sources in Teheran.

Cablegrams from the Persian capital declare that the Russian atrocities have so aroused the Persian people that it will now be impossible to bring about an amicable settlement.

Must Surrender Arms.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—The Russian consul at Tabriz, in a dispatch to the foreign office here, says he has informed the governor that the disarmament of the populace is indispensible to the opening of negotiations.

The governor has placarded the town in consequence of this, ordering the immediate surrender of all arms.

IMPORTANT MINING DEAL IN SLOCAN

Vancouver Syndicate Secures Working Bond on Group of Claims

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—An important mining deal was closed here when a Vancouver syndicate comprising Messrs. Arnold M. Daly, J. L. Parker, M. E., W. Harry Wilson and J. P. McCraney of this city in association with George A. Macleod and Dr. H. R. Swaine, well known mining men of Spokane, acquired a working bond on the Panama group of four claims in the Slocan district, and made a first payment.

The property is a high-grade silver proposition adjacent to the Lucky Jim mine and within one mile of the C. P. R. extension now being built from Three Forks. The ore occurs in a slate and lime contact and has been exposed by means of open cuts along its trend for a distance of over 1,000 feet. In the bottom of a 65-foot shaft sunk on the vein there is three feet of grey copper carrying silver values averaging $100 a ton. Two short cross-cuts have been run to tap the ore which has also been drifted upon. The main cross-cut is 500 feet east of the shaft at a depth of 100 feet showing an ore body three feet wide and assaying 198 ounces of silver per ton.

Three well known Spokane mining engineers have reported favorably on the property. The number includes J. V. Richards, who is interested in the present deal and who formerly had charge of the Standard mine, the Slocan property now so much talked about on account of the phenomenal richness of the ore and the size of the ore bodies.

It is proposed to begin development work on the Panama group immediately and start shipping ore without any delay. A drift 800 feet long will be driven, giving a depth of 400 feet under the collar of the shaft. The owner of the property, H. Giegerich, a well known merchant of Kaslo, shipped several carloads of ore to the Trail smelter, the returns averaging $100 per ton. Mr. Richards is authority for the statement that there is enough ore in sight to pay for the bond.

CHINESE COURT FAVORS ABDICATION

HOPES FOR LIBERAL TERMS FROM CONVENTION

Premier Yuan Shi Kai Resigns Office—Rebels Becoming Impatient

Pekin, Dec. 27.—Representative members of the imperial court, according to an authoritative source, have signified to Premier Yuan Shi Kai their willingness to agree to an abdication.

The court, the same authority states, realizes that there is no hope for it in the detention of three or four detached sections of the country and semi-loyal provinces and hopes to obtain better terms by agreeing to the proposed referendum on the question of form of government.

Premier Yuan Shi Kai fully realizes that the Republican spokesmen gathered at the peace conference at Shanghai are not likely to accept his proposal for a carefully-elected assembly representing the entire empire. He is of the opinion that the Republicans know that the throne will favor his (Yuan Shi Kai's) plan. The premier is certain that he could win battles with the modern army at his disposal, which is better equipped and greatly superior to the rebel forces, but as he is unable to obtain any loans he would be unable to reconquer the lost provinces.

Yuan Shi Kai will probably resign his office after making the best terms possible for the throne.

Yuan Shi Kai recognizes what he considers to be Tang Shao Yi's desertion. He suggests that Tang Shao Yi might become president of the republic, which is an office he should not accept. Yuan Shi Kai also states that the nations have withheld their financial support with the help of which he could have re-conquered the country.

Conference at Nanking.

Shanghai, Dec. 27.—It is reported that the delegates of the 18 provinces of China proper intend to meet at Nanking on December 28th to elect Dr. Sun Yat Sen president of the provisional government of the United Provinces.

Revolutionists Impatient.

London, Dec. 27.—Yuan Shi Kai's proposal to decide the form of government which shall prevail under the new regime in China by means of a convention of the delegates from all over the empire, is regarded here as a shrewd move, but opinion is divided as to whether it can be successfully carried out. Many prominent Japanese leaders believe that the proposal will be accepted by the revolutionary leaders in order to make it easier for Yuan Shi Kai to convince them that abdication is unavoidable.

On the other hand, many of the well-informed here think that the great body of the revolutionists is too impatient for action to wait the outcome of a national convention. The revolutionists are fully aware of the political helplessness of the Peking government. With this in mind, the rebel army at Nanking insists on the refusal of Yuan Shi Kai's proposal and the immediate resumption of military activity. The soldiers confidently expect that Yuan will yield as gracefully as possible whenever such demonstration is made.

Plot to Kill Premier.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 27.—The Chinese Six Companies, which is engaged in raising the $2,000,000 loan for the Chinese rebels, sent a cablegram to Wu Ting Fang at Shanghai to-day asking him to resume hostilities rather than yield to Yuan Shi Kai's demand for a limited monarchy. All the Chinese, it is said, are firm for a republic. A similar message was sent to Tang Shao Yi, who represents Premier Yuan Shi Kai at the conference, asking him also to use his influence in behalf of a republic.

News was received by the Chinese Free Press from Shanghai that a plot involving Manchu officials had been discovered at Pekin, the purpose of which was to assassinate Premier Yuan Shi Kai because of alleged treachery. The Manchus, it is said, believe that Tang Shao Yi's advice to Yuan Shi Kai to submit to a republic was due to some previous understanding between the two.

Conspirators Beheaded.

Amoy, Dec. 27.—A plot has been discovered among the Honanese troops in this city to assassinate Yuan, the taotai, and Choy, the military commander. The leader of the plot has been arrested and beheaded, while several of his followers are under arrest.

The commander of the expedition which was sent to the Northern coast districts on December 12 to restore order there, reports that in the towns of Chuan-Chow and Eng Chon quiet has been re-established. In the country districts, however, conditions are serious, and there has been resistance. Two villages have been burned by the troops on account of the inhabitants having harbored robbers. A temporary cessation of clan fighting has been brought about at Huhan during the presence of the troops.

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IMPROVEMENT OF THE FRAZER

LOUIS COSTE ON FUTURE PLANS FOR RIVER

Suggests Appointment of Commission to Prepare Comprehensive Scheme

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—"I believe the Fraser river, between New Westminster and the sea, is destined to play an important role in a commercial sense. With the rapid growth of Vancouver and the lower mainland, the time will come when suitable water frontage on Burrard Inlet will become so scarce and business so congested that aditional facilties will have to be provided elsewhere. The Fraser river will help solve the problem, as it can, with the judicious expenditure of money, be made navigable for ocean steamships of deep draught as far inland as New Westminser and Port Mann, and along its shores, including the North Arm, extensive docks can be constructed."

This was the optimistic opinion expressed by Louis Coste, an eminent civil engineer of Ottawa, in conversation with a Times representative yesterday. Mr. Coste is on his way home, having just completed on behalf of the Dominion government an examination of the harbor at Victoria, with a view to recommending the best means of converting it into a modern ocean port. Mr. Coste studied the question in detail during his stay there, but declined to discuss it at this juncture, as he has not yet prepared his official report.

"I think that, having regard for the future, it would be a wise move on the part of the Dominion government not to carry out any plan of permanent improvements on the Fraser until it could secure a report from a commission of at least three engineering experts," said Mr. Coste. "The task is too big to entrust it to one man; by appointing a commission the advantage of securing an interchange of ideas and adopting the best plan is obvious.

"From my observations made during a personal examination several years ago, I reached the conclusion that the first move in any scheme of improvements should be to control the channel in the neighborhood of Ladner Landing and Woodward Slough. The river near there shows a tendency to shift, and there is a certain amount of danger that it may make further inroads on the south bank and force a new outlet to the sea north of Boundary Bay. For this reason I think that the crux of the whole question lies in the proper control of the river near Ladner Landing by dredging and by the construction of revetment walls and wing dams. Meantime, with due respect, I think it unwise and unnecessary to talk of making permanent improvements farther down stream. The proposed construction of a long jetty extending out from the north shore of the main channel near Steveston through the Sturgeon Banks, is premature, to say the least.

"The two branches of the North Arm and the North Arm channel all the way to New Westminster could easily be improved by dredging and converted into basins for ocean vessels, loading or unloading cargoes. In this connection the railways would have ample room for their sidetracks and main lines on either side of these inner harbors or basins. The project would probably involve the construction of a wing dam across the upper entrance to the North Arm at the upper end of Lulu Island."

NEGRO SHOT TO DEATH.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 27. — King Davis, a negro aged 28 years, who on Saturday night shot and killed Frederick A. Schwab (white) at Fairfield, Anne Arundel county, was taken from the lockup at Brooklyn, a suburb of Baltimore, early on Christmas day and shot to death by a small party of unidentified men. Davis was dragged to a spot about 200 yards from the station and shot four times through the lungs. His body was not found until several hours later.

The band, though not to exceed 8 or 10 in number, formed quietly. They effected an entrance into the lockup without attracting the attention of persons living nearby, and went to Davis' cell, where they found the negro asleep.

Hubert Chase, another negro, who was held in the station as a witness in the Schwab case, was not molested. He said Davis fought desperately and shrieked for mercy, but his cries were silenced by a blow on the head which stretched him unconscious. He then was dragged away to his death.

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HARSH TREATMENT OF EMPLOYEES

Patronage Evils Sanctioned by Hon. F. D. Monk—Wholesale Dismissals

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—While Hon. F. D. Monk was unctuously proclaiming in Montreal that the patronage list had been abolished in his department, patronage evils in their grossest form were being sanctioned by him in the shape of summary dismissals of unoffending Liberal employees of his department to make way for Conservative workers in the last election campaign. The spoils system in its cruelest and most unjustifiable form is being openly enforced in Ottawa, and the greatest number of dismissals have been in Mr. Monk's own department.

The Christmas spirit of the Borden ministry is certainly not what might be expected from the fair-spoken words of the premier and his colleagues when in opposition. Instead of justice and fair play there has been rank and inexcusably harsh treatment of scores of employees, who have been filling minor positions in the service at Ottawa for years, and whose only offence is that they are Liberals.

The summary dismissal of some one hundred and fifty employees is causing among many of the decent citizens of the capital a decided reaction against the government.

As far as can be learned there was practically no investigation as to the merits of the dismissals. Men with families to support, and with practically no funds to fall back on, were blandly told just a week before Christmas, and at a season of the year when other work is hard to find, that their services were no longer needed. Conservative ward chairmen and party workers were promptly installed in their places. One of the elevator men in the Commons building, for instance, who was dismissed, has given every satisfaction in his faithful attention to his work. He has a mother and two sisters to support, but owing to difficulty with his eyes cannot now resume his trade of stonemason. He had not taken any part in politics since employed at the buildings. A local Conservative ward chairman takes his place.

The elevator man in the East block, who served the Privy Council office for many years past, and against whom there was no complaint, was similarly dismissed. He went into Premier Borden's room with tears in his eyes last night to beg for reconsideration of his case: He was told the matter belonged to Hon. Mr. Monk's department. These are but two instances out of many.

The excuse is given that the Liberals, when they came into office in 1896, dismissed scores of temporary employees, but at that time the buildings were infested with pre-election appointees, who were given jobs simply for the sake of the pay and not because their services were really needed. No employee was dismissed except on written evidence to the effect that he had been unduly active in politics. There are over two thousand applications for government positions now on file with the local Conservative members. That explains the pressure for dismissals, but does not justify it. Indications are that a similar application of the spoils system will be made general throughout Canada. In Ottawa it is already manifest in its grossest form.

GOLD STAMPEDE TO BAFFINLAND

Stories of Rich Strikes—Old-Timers Predict New Klondike

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 27.—Bringing details of a big stampede from the Porcupine country into far north Baffinland, D. C. Jenkins, a former newspaper man of this city, who has been spending some time in the Porcupine country and districts north of there, has returned for a visit to Seattle. Mr. Jenkins left a camp 80 miles north of East Main river, in the Ungava country, on December 6 last, with a dog team.

The Ungava country lies considerably to the northeast of the Porcupine district, which is in Northern Ontario. It embraces a wide territory lying east of James Bay, which is the lower arm of Hudson Bay. Both the Porcupine and the Ungava are quartz mining districts.

When Mr. Jenkins left the camp an expedition, known as the Donaldson party, already had left on the long mush into the Baffinland country. Old-timers in the north are predicting that Baffinland will prove the next Klondike of the north. It is a placer country, and many stories of its richness are in circulation among the northern mining camps. News of reported finds there penetrated into Alaskan camps last winter, and considerable interest in the present stampede is taken by the sourdoughs of that country.

Financed by eastern capital, another expedition is organizing at St. John's, Newfoundland, with the purpose of making a dash into the Baffinland country in the spring, going in with a power schooner. The Donaldson party, however, going overland, is expected to get much the start of the Newfoundland expedition.

Mr. Jenkins says the Porcupine is not a poor man's country. The chances for the small miner are better, however, in the Ungava country, which is a rich and as yet little touched district. Mr. Jenkins intends returning to the Porcupine about January 6 next.

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CONFESSES SHOOTING WIFE.

Magazine Writer Arrested as He Writes of Crime.

New York, Dec. 27.—Andrew McConnell, magazine writer and lecturer, was arrested at a reporters' desk in a morning newspaper office while, it is alleged, he was writing a confession of shooting and wounding his divorced wife, Mrs. Marian D. McConnell, of Ocean Grove, N. J. The shooting is said to have occurred late Saturday night.

McConnell was operating a typewriter in the Times office when a detective arrested him. The paper in the machine bore these words:

"I was forced to shoot the woman, who was my wife. Absolute divorce was obtained last spring. Not one word was said regarding the divorce the night I shot her. She has tried to vilify an innocent woman."

Beside the typewriter the detective found a paper upon which was written in an almost illegible hand: "Every person who has helped to build my work has been villified by a woman who is either hopelssly insane or a designing fiend. When I made my discovery in the electrical basis of life which— (three illegible words) years later."

It was said at the Times that McConnell drifted in there making inquiry as to what he had better do regarding stories that had appeared in local papers regarding the shooting of his wife. It was suggested that if he were guilty he should confess and be arrested. He agreed to the plan and was engaged on the confession when the detective was called.

It was learned from Ocean Grove that Mrs. McConnell's wound was in the neck. It is believed she is in no great danger. She was able to talk somewhat and said she and her husband had been separated for several years and that her husband was desirous of obtaining an absolute divorce in order to marry again.

CLAIMS SELF-DEFENCE.

Waco, Texas, Dec. 27.—His face covered with blood and a bullet through his body, Joe B. Sims, 28, a hotel clerk, staggered into a corridor from his room and fell dead. His widow was taken to a sanitarium with knife wounds in her neck. She said Sims stabbed her and she shot him.

Jealousy of Sims by his wife is given as the cause.

NEGLECTED CHILDREN'S HOME.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—Amendments to its charter involving the authority to found and support a home for deserted and neglected children will be asked for at the next session of the legislature. In addition, the society will ask the right to collect the wages of men who, having families to support, neglect their duty in this direction and squander their money on drink.

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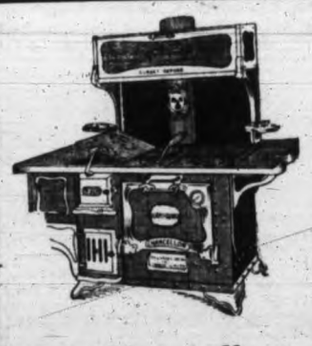
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DENIES CHARGES BY PERSIANS

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The Consul General at Tabriz Makes a Counter-Charge Against Natives.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—The Russian consul-general at Tabriz has telegraphed yesterday to the foreign office a vigorous denial of the charges of murder and outrage which have been launched against the Russian troops, by the Persian authorities. The consul-general says:

"I protest against this infamous calumny of our troops, who have always treated the peaceful populace with humanity, notwithstanding the atrocities wreaked by the Persians on our soldiers and the mutilations of our men.

"If, in isolated cases, occasional women have been killed, it can only have been during the bombardment of the houses near the camp when our soldiers fired on. After suffering severe loss, the commandant of the Russian troops sent an order for all the women and children, as well as the men to quit the houses. He placed them under shelter in our camp and later on sent them to the city under an escort of soldiers.

"On this occasion, a young officer, Prince Wakhwahaew, who was in command of the escort, was killed treacherously by the Persians."

Russian Reinforcements.

Julfa, Persia, Dec. 27. — Another large force of Russian troops of all arms left their encampment in the vicinity of Isjahan for Tabriz. The reinforcements consisted of three additional regiments of rifles, three squadrons of Cossacks and two mountain batteries, all of war strength.

MUTINY IN NAVAL YARDS IN RUSSIA

Several Mutineers Wounded by Troops Sent to Restore Order.

London, Dec. 27.—A news agency dispatch from St. Petersburg reports that a mutiny has broken out at the naval ordnance yards. Measures for quelling the disorder have been taken by the authorities and several mutineers have been wounded by the troops sent to repress the insubordination.

RUSSIAN TARIFF PROPOSALS.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—The Progressists and members of the Left will oppose the Octobrists motion in the Duma pertaining to retaliatory measures against the United States.

Lately M. Guchkoff and others, representing the Octobrist and Nationalist parties, which control a majority in the Duma, introduced a proposal to provide for tariff war schedules applicable to the United States at the expiration of the treaty of 1832. The proposal aims at an increase in the Russian duties, and also to impose a duty of 100 per cent. on articles admitted free under the present tariff.

The opponents of this measure object on the ground that the Russian consumers would suffer greatly, especially in the matter of cotton.

Dispatches from Moscow say that many of the leading commercial men decry a tariff war against the United States.

DESPONDENT MAN'S SUICIDE.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 27.—J. E. Dalton hanged himself in a barn at the rear of a boarding house, Sunday afternoon, because he could not buy Christmas presents for his family. The body was found by a hostler.

RUN DOWN BY TROLLEY CAR.

Greencastle, Ind., Dec. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. John Hunter and their three sons were injured, one perhaps fatally, when they were run down by an interurban car on a bridge near here. The boy is fatally hurt, being hurled from the bridge.

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TROLLEY CAR DROPS INTO RIVER

Broken Rail Believed to Have Caused Accident—Over Score Injured.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 27.—A trolley car carrying 35 persons, mostly residents of Schuylkill-Haven, jumped Black bridge, between this city and Schuylkill-Haven, Sunday, dropping 20 feet into the Schuylkill river. All the injured were brought to the Pottsville hospital. The railway officials admit that none of the passengers escaped injuries.

The only thing that prevented serious loss of life was the fact that the river at the point where the car took the plunge, was not more than six feet deep. The accident is supposed to have been caused by a broken rail.

EXPLOSION CAUSES PANIC IN CHURCH

Pastor and His Daughter Injured by Bursting of Electric Light Bulb.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 27.—The bursting of an electric bulb in the decoration of an airship at the Christmas exercises in the United Evangelical church at St. Johns a suburb of this city, Monday night, painfully burned seven-year-old Ruth Stover and her father, Rev. J. A. Stover, pastor of the church.

A panic followed the mishap and the 200 or more persons in the audience fled wildly through doors and windows. None of these, however, were injured.

WAR IN TRIPOLI.

Efforts Being Made to Find Basis for Conclusion of Peace.

Rome, Dec. 21.—An exchange of communications between the Italian foreign office and the chancellors of other European powers is proceeding with the greatest activity. The subject of the communication is the war in Tripoli, but the question of the renewal of the Triple Alliance between Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy also is being discussed.

Efforts are being made both by the government in Constantinople and the Italian foreign office to find a possible basis for the conclusion of peace between the two countries.

The negitoations regarding the Triple Alliance, it is conceivable, might even result in the withdrawal of Italy from the alliance and the consequent strengthening of the Triple Entente between Great Britain, France and Russia.

The Italian ambassador in Berlin is now in Rome, where he is giving a verbal report to the foreign minister, the Marquis Di San Giuliano, as to the disposition of Germany.

SIX VIOLENT DEATHS.

Hoquiam, Wash., Dec. 27. — Six violent deaths, of which two were murders, one a suicide and three accidents, have occurred in Hoquiam and Aberdeen within 60 hours.

The finding of the body of Jack Ryan Harris, former sparring partner of John L. Sullivan, and of the sudden death of Robert Brown, who is supposed to have been poisoned, and on whose body an autopsy will be performed, are the probable murder cases.

The bodies of Dave Hale and Chris Olsen were found in the Chehalis river Monday, death being accidental.

A little son of P. J. Tormey was smothered to death at the family home Monday and a suicide occurred at this city when Ed. Sanson killed himself.

WILL BE DEPORTED.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 27.—Yin Jan and Yin Bong, Chinese, who were arrested on Puget Sound recently, and who, while claiming to be natives of Portland, Oregon, were wearing clothing purchased at Blaine, Wash., on the international boundary, yesterday were ordered deported to China by United States Judge Cornelius H. Hanford, who interpreted the immigration law so as to put upon the accused aliens the burden of proof that they are entitled to remain in the country. When brought before a commissioner, after their arrest some weeks ago, the Chinese could speak no English and could tell nothing about Portland. They were released on bail pending appeal to the federal court from the commissioners' deportation order. In court they spoke English very well and were thoroughly posted on Portland, but their explanation proved to Judge Hanford that they were good students rather than native Oregonians.

HAS NARROW ESCAPE.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 27.—The daring of Fred Tressel, a conductor on a street car saved the life of 14-year-old Frank Rossaren after he had been knocked from the Salmon Bay trestle over the Great Northern tracks on Manday and had landed in a tangle of telegraph wires 40 feet above the ground. When Tressel, whose car struck the boy, saw the danger of Frank's position he made his way to the ground and climbed the pole nearest to the boy who was swinging dangerously in midair. Creeping carefully along the swinging wires Tressel reached the lad, who clung to him while the perilous trip was made back to the pole, where the motorman of the car was perched in the cross-trees waiting to relieve Tressel of his burden.

William Carter, a farm laborer, has completed sixty years' service on Viaduct farm, Aldham, Essex.

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DR. SUN YAT SEN NOW AT SHANGHAI

Revolutionary Leader Confers With Delegates Who Are Confident of Success

Shanghai, Dec. 27.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, one of the leading promoters of the revolution, boarded a launch soon after his arrival here and was escorted down the river by two warships. After landing he went by automobile to the residence of Wu Ting Fang, the foreign secretary in the revoluttionary provisional cabinet, to discuss the situation.

Dr. Sun is quartered in a large modern residence in the French concession. His conference with Wu Ting Fang and other leaders shows that he is evidently commanding the greatest respect and attention. Dr. Sun said the entire movement was united, and there would be no serious differences.

It has been definitely decided that Nanking shall be the future capital.

In the minds of the revolutionists the movement has been entirely successful. One of the highest officials said: "Fourteen provinces have absolutely declared for a republic. We control twelve divisions of the army; two more are coming. We hold the entire navy. Two provinces remain imperial and two are neutral. There is no government in Pekin. Yuan Shi Kai, the premier, is its only representative, except the infant emperor.

"The sooner the powers recognize the real situation instead of clinging to harmful and intangible sentiment, the sooner will order be secured in China. Hesitation to recognize the republican cause will certainly prolong the stagnation of trade and will be responsible for much bloodshed should fighting begin again."

Seek to Check Revolt.

Mukden, Dec. 27.—General Chao Erh Hsun, viceroy of Manchuria, in seclusion on account of the revolution against the Manchu dynasty, is consulting with local officials on measures to prevent the spread of disaffection in the ten principalities subordinate to Mukden.

It is reported here that Japan has carried out a complete survey of the Russian frontier since last June. Russian officials in China are insisting that the Amur and Trans-Baikal provinces in the future should be closed to Japanese officials. A Japanese official recently was admonished and expelled.

To Protect Consulate.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—Although state department officials would not reveal the source of their information they declared that official reports contain the statements that two companies of Japanese infantry and one machine gun detachment will arrive at Hankow about December 31. These troops, according to the advices, will be used to protect the Japanese consulate at Hankow.

Financial Negotiations Suspended.

Pekin, Dec. 27.—Negotiations between the group of international bankers and the Imperial Chinese government for a loan are suspended for the present. The ministers of the four interested nations, Great Britain, the United States, Germany and France, for political reasons, invited the Japanese and Russians to consider whether they would co-operate in the loan. The Russian charge d'affaires showed no inclination to do so, and the representatives of the other powers feared that a boycott of foreign merchandise would result.

While all agreed the money should not be advanced for military purposes, certain of the ministers argued that there was only one recognized government, which soon would be well-founded, and when that occurred further lawlessness would result, including a grave possibility of the imperial army being disintegrated into plundering bands.

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THE CASE OF GEN REYES

Mexico City, Dec. 26.—The question of the disposition of General Reyes, who has surrendered to the authorities, will be discussed at a meeting of the cabinet council to-day.

Abram Gonzales, minister of the interior, said to-day that in his opinion General Reyes would go to trial before a military court. Although he had resigned his commission as a general in the Mexican army, Reyes was still regarded as belonging to the army and, in the opinion of the minister, amenable to military law.

"The great importance attributed to the attempted revolution of General Reyes," said the minister, "arises from the publicity which was given to it in foreign countries."

PREFERS DEATH TO ARREST.

Wichita, Kas., Dec. 27.—Rather than submit to arrest for killing his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Wright, John W. Wright, a hotelkeeper, committed suicide by taking strychnine.

Wright and his wife separated some time ago and he went to Colorado. When he returned and learned that his wife had sued him for divorce, he became enraged and shot her.

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THE CHINESE REVOLUTION.

While the inscrutability of the Chinese mind must leave its perplexing impress on the national life of the Chinese people and surround the revolutionary progress through which the race is now passing with a degree of uncertainty, the dispatches from the centre of war in China have been sufficiently coherent to advise the world of the present situation. There can be no longer any doubt as to the fate of the Manchu dynasty. It must abdicate. Whether that will mean the establishment of a republic is not yet quite so clear. Had the unfortunate discovery of the plans of the Terrorists not been made and had not the precipitation of the present revolution resulted from the discovery the organization of the revolutionists would have been more complete and they would have had a more finished democracy to substitute on the overthrow of the dynasty. As it is they are obliged to carry out a dual task simultaneously; that of routing the dynasty root and branch and supplanting it with a more modern form of government. It appears at present as if the revolutionary party is sufficiently entrenched to do this, and the leaders are proceeding with a deliberation that must be the wonder of the diplomats of European countries.

The courteous offer of Great Britain, America and Japan to hold the trophies in trust awaiting the final arbitrament of the internecine struggle means only that China must settle the trouble herself. There will be no interference from outside. In a sense the arrangement was intended to have its first effect upon the nations entering into the agreement and the obvious purpose was that these should not misunderstand each other as to their future relations with China. When the war is over whatever new international agreements or treaties are entered into will be affairs of more than mutual arrangement between China and the individual world powers. It was a wise precaution to obviate future entanglements and does not immediately affect the cause of the present embroglio.

It was thought a month ago that Yuan Shi Kai, by his non-committal attitude toward both revolutionists and the Imperial dynasty, would win immortality for himself whichever way the conflict terminated. Recent developments would suggest a change in this opinion: It is evident that Sun Yat Sen has become the man of the hour and the influence of his mysterious but masterly spirit has been evident in the whole course of the revolution. He will doubtless have more to say than any living man as to the terms under which settlement will finally be reached. It is a tribute to his genius as an educator, organizer and reformer that, during all the years of his absence from China and the persistent dogging of his tracks, he succeeded in keeping his hand on the pulse and destiny of his nation. His patience and persistence seem to have been eclipsed only by his wisdom and the hold he has upon his followers in China is the best tribute to the thoroughness with which he has performed his work. We think history will confirm the opinion that not since the days of Confucius has a man arisen in China whose influence on the life and destiny of the nation will come in for so large a recognition.

Though it will be years before China will fully realize the effects of what is happening now there can be no doubt that the slumber of the centuries has been effectually dissipated and China is very much alive.

PROTECTING THE PUBLIC.

Recent reference was made by the Times to the establishment of quality tests in the acceptance of tenders for municipal coal supplies in several of the Eastern cities. The city of St. Paul is making a success of its municipal rule in the matter and it has been demonstrated that the method adopted in that city is working very effectively for the protection, not alone of the municipal treasury but the pockets of the people as well. Coal varies considerably in its resultant heat units under consumption and only by the establishment of scientific tests can good coal come to be known as such. The result is that inferior grades must be sold for what they are comparatively worth.

Fuel cost is a very respectable item in the bill of household expenses, and even in a country with such prevailing moderate climate as British Columbia, where economy can be effected in the item for fuel, the cost of living can be materially reduced. The city of St. Paul has found that the saving effected in the fuel supply for the schools and other civic buildings has justified the cost of establishing and maintaining a municipal laboratory for scientific tests. Figures of tests made recently by Mr. Roehrich, the civic chemist, show that the board of control purchased coal upon the old plan which was worth $1.30 less than the flat rate per ton, judged by the contracts which have been made this year for the workhouse and the schools. He has shown that the park board is losing 29 cents a ton on a carload of coal recently purchased by its refusal to purchase upon the heat unit system. President Topping of the St. Paul park board, one of the officers who wanted to stick to the old plan, learned the other day that his concession of 5 cents a ton might have been 34 cents a ton if he had accepted modern methods of doing business. While the flat prices per ton bid by all companies are exactly the same, each company sets a definite heating standard for its coal. The company that sets the highest standard gets the contract. It is the lowest bidder. Then it remains for the city chemist to see that the coal is up to the standard, or to deduct from the flat price of the coal a percentage equal to the percentage which is now being done for the first time in the history of St. Paul. Upon one coal bill paid recently the deduction amounted to $46.

It can be easily seen that coal supplies must inevitably fall into classes and establish a reputation according to their worth. The public at large can be governed by the tests made at the city hall and can purchase their supplies accordingly.

While it may be objected that such a course would drive some classes of coal out of the market, because the expense of mining a poor quality is as great as that of mining superior fuel, the objection will not meet with popular sympathy. What the people want is to be protected from expenditure altogether unnecessary when the facts are known. The people do not demand the operation of collieries placing inferior fuel upon the markets nor are they willing to pay an exorbitant price for inferior fuel simply that the companies who mine, ship and market such coal shall prosper.

While the mayor and city council are exercised over the high cost of living it would appear that they might adopt the practice which is growing in favor in the Eastern cities and protect the public in the matter of fuel qualities. The Times believes that in Victoria the saving would justify the establishment of a test laboratory and that, beyond the amount saved to the city, the people would be accordingly benefited. Why not be abreast of the times?

A GRIEVANCE DISPELLED.

That was a merciful act of Premier McBride and Attorney-General Bowser to obtain the services of two architects to make an expert examination of the Victoria Court House in order to set the mind of the public at rest respecting the semi-fireproof character of the building. We do not for a moment suggest that the report of the architects was contrary to facts they found in the structure under their examination. But it must be admitted that their discovery came with a sense of relief to the public who have important and irreplacable documents in the custody of the provincial office. To know that a structure which has never been considered a safe repository for titles and other legal documents is actually safe enough for all practical purposes takes a load off the public mind. The discovery and announcement, particularly the announcement, go to show that we make more than half our worries; that we meet troubles more than half way and that, poor weak creatures as we are, we persist in crossing our bridges before we come to them. A striking exemplification of the fact that half of our anxieties are respecting things which could never happen.

The Board of Trade and the Real Estate Exchange in their conspiracy to worry the government will now have to fall back on the single complaint that the registry office is inadequately manned and that the rules governing the transaction of public business somewhat hamper rather than expedite such matters. That is one grievance which cannot be removed by an expert investigation, as the publicn is too well aware of the delays which occur in completing business transactions involving considerable sums of money owing to inability to obtain access to the required documents or secure certificates of completed registration.

For safer custody the public must wait until the new court house is built on the site so wisely selected by Mr. J. H. Hawthornethwaite a year ago on Menzies and Belleville street and purchased for $65,000 cash.

UNION BANK'S PROGRESS.

The forty-seventh annual report of the Union Bank of Canada was read at a meeting of the directors held in the city of Quebec on December 18. It revealed a very satisfactory state of affairs. The net profits for the year, after making the usual deductions for bad and doubtful debts, amounted to $662,437, as compared with $451,620 for the previous year. The earnings were at the rate of 14 per cent. on the bank's average paid-up capital. The premium on new stock issued during the year amounted to $457,000, while the balance at credit of account on November 30th, 1910, amounted to $80,000. This made a total of $1,199,983 available for distribution. Of this quarterly dividends at the rate of 2 per cent. absorbed $361,000, the sum of $200,000 was transferred to rest account, as well as $457,000 transferred to the same account for premium on new stock, making a total transferred to rest account of $657,000. The sum of $100,000 was written off bank premises account. The officers' pension fund received $10,000, while the balance of profits carried forward amounted to $71,975.

During the year the note circulation has increased by nearly $1,300,000, total deposits by over $7,800,000, paid-up capital by $914,000, and the rest account by about $600,000. The total assets of the bank now stand at $58,434,000, as compared with $46,555,000 for the previous year.

During the year the bank took two or three forward steps. Early in the year it absorbed the United Empire Bank, of Toronto, thereby increasing its assets and the number of its branches. Later in the year it established an office in London, England.

It also decided to move its head office from Quebec to Winnipeg in order to take fuller advantage of the western business. The bank has 156 branches west of the Great Lakes, and 76 in Ontario out of its 242 branches, so that its decision to locate the head office in Winnipeg is a natural one.

ARTHUR HAWKES.

Hon. Arthur Hawkes, special immigration commissioner of the Borden government, who claims that his appeal to the British born was "an appeal which, followed up by a vigorous platform and press propaganda, did much, perhaps more, than any other special effort to secure the victory which has given more hope to British Imperialists the world over than anything else that has happened within living memory," has broken out again. He has sent to the Times advance proofs of a long, egotistical and windy article on "The Imperial Emigrant and his Political Religion," which he asks the Times to publish. In an accompanying letter to the editor, he says: "It contains what I believe to be the basis of a really Imperial Gospel." The Times is sorry that it cannot, after having read the article, agree with Mr. Hawkes.

The new commissioner is a genius. In Vancouver he told the newspapers that he "approached his new office with absolutely no preconceived ideas on immigration," yet following this declaration he sends out his cleverly devised advertising matter prepared before his appointment as commissioner and containing "the basis of a really Imperial Gospel." In spite of the ponderous avoirdupois and rhinoceros hide of the British-born Swede, Mr. Hawkes is too transparent for the West.

There is nothing slipshod in the mental pacings of the revolutionary forces in China. Recently at Calgary Rev. Hy Mong Hing, a Chinese clergyman, whose family has been educated in Canada, made a remarkable statement. "China must have a constitutional government and after studying all the governments of the world the Chinese people think that the British form is the best," he said. While the hatred of the Manchu dynasty makes hereditary monarchy impossible in China, every other essential feature of the British constitution is ultimately to be adopted.

LACK OF AMBITION.

Ambitionless! That fateful word spells doom,
The epitaph on many a crumbling tomb.
Ambitionless! 'Tis he, a drone, a drudge,
Of wings possessed, but yet content to trudge.
Of faculty to rule, to rise, to reign,
Yet satisfied a servant to remain;
Of soul surcharged with sacred power to shine,
Yet left unlit this lamp of God divine.
Ambitionless! Knows Nature no such word,
In all her language never was it heard.
Does not the eager sun make haste to reach
The parting clouds and flood the wid'ning breach?
Does not the glow-worm speed to swing her light
With panting pride as falls the shades of night?
The infant flower, cribbed in the covering corm,
Chafe to unfold the beauty of her form?
Does not the river ringed in rainbow spray
To gain his goal press on his winding way,
Foaming and frothing, fretting e'er to be
Pouring his fulness in the surging sea?
Bedrugged, bedrowsed and drooping as in death,
Arise and let ambition be thy breath.
Ambition high to multiply thy skill
That thou an ampler place in life may'st fill.
Ambition holy that from thee may'st move
An influence pure of patience, peace and love.

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Every model is well up to the mark for quality in both materials and finish, and the styles are examples of the work of the leading Parisian and New York artists.

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WHITE KID GLOVES—These are real French white glace kid gloves, 12-button length, and are a specially good value. All sizes at, per pair.....**$2.00**

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SILK GLOVES—These are the Kaiser brand and you can choose between white or cream in 16 and 20-button lengths. These gloves are double tipped and all sizes are to be had at, per pair, $1.75 and.....**$1.25**

SILK GLOVES, in colors pink and blue. They are double tipped and are opera length. Per pair**$1.75**

TREFOUSSE WHITE GLACE KID GLOVES, 12-button length. These are a reliable glove and are good value at, per pair**$2.50**

WHITE GLACE KID GLOVES, Trefousse make and 16-button length. A specially good value at, per pair**$3.25**

TREFOUSSE WHITE GLACE KID GLOVES, in 20-button length. All sizes, pair, **$3.75**

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SHAME ON CARNEGIE.

From the Montreal Herald.

Mr. Carnegie can turn muddy iron ore into gold, and welcome, but it is surely past his power to make R. L. Borden a Scotchman. As a friend of international peace, Mr. Carnegie should be careful of the conventions. When we in this country are willing to put up with a cabinet that has no Scotchmen in it, we cannot allow Mr. Carnegie to thus lightly make it over into a Scotchman's cabinet. A nice looking set of Scots, forsooth, and not a Presbyterian amongst them.

It must be admitted, however, that there is something about the existing situation which gives warrant for Mr. Carnegie's idea that he ought to spend more money on Canadian libraries. So far as the truth about the election of September can be got at, there is no sign that "education done it." Quite the reverse.

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HOW THE ROW STARTED.

"George," she asked, "if we were both young and single again would you want me to be your wife?"

"Now, my dear," he absent-mindedly replied, "what's the use of trying to start a quarrel just as we have settled down to enjoy a quiet evening?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

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GOOD BUSINESS.

A West Virginia darky, a blacksmith, recently announced a change in his business as follows: "Notice—De co-pardnership heretofore resisting between me and Mose Skinner is hereby resolved. Dam what owe de firm will settle wid me, and dem what de firm owes will settle with Mose."—National Corporation Reporter.

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IN A HURRY.

(S. E. Kiser.)

The trouble with the man who goes to see a doctor generally is that he wishes to be cured in a day of ills it has taken him years to acquire.

TO BEGIN WORK AT ONCE.

Members of New Civil Service Commission Confer With Premier Borden.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—The members of the new civil service commission arrived in the city this morning, Hon. A. B. Morine coming from Toronto and G. R. Ducharme from Montreal. Mr. Lake has been residing in Ottawa.

The commissioners were introduced to each other in the office of Mr. Born. None of the members had even met before. Mr. Morine, who arrived on the early train, was closeted with the premier for several hours and later the three commissioners had a conference with Mr. Borden and talked over their plans. It is the intention to make the commission very broad in its scope and thorough in its inquiry.

The re-organization of the whole government service will depend upon its recommendations. This afternoon the commissioners will hold another sitting, when they will probably decide on counsel and also on a secretary. The commission will start its sessions at once.

DR. ELMORE HARRIS DEAD.

Passes Away in India While on Wedding Trip.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—The death is announced in India of Dr. Elmore Harris, for many years a leading figure in the Baptist church. Dr. Harris, although a preacher, was rated a millionaire, his father having been one of the original founders of the Massey-Harris agricultural implement company. In company with a bride of three months the doctor was making a tour of Baptist missions in India when he was stricken with smallpox and died.

LOS ANGELES INQUIRY.

Grand Jury Investigating Dynamite Cases Calls Additional Witnesses.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 27.—When the federal grand jury reassembled today after the holidays it became evident that the inquisitors, instead of closing the dynamite conspiracy investigation at once, would continue the probe for some time longer. It was learned that six additional subpoenas had been issued during the holiday recess, all for persons residing in or near Seattle. One of the summonses was for Geo. Haley, business agent of the Pile Drivers' Union of Seattle. The other five were to be served on members of the Home Colony, a settlement in which Caplan and Schmidt, alleged confederates of James B. McNamara in the destruction of the Times building, were said to have taken refuge for a time following the explosion here.

Haley, according to a message received here, is in Canada and consequently has not been served with the summons.

RAMMED AND SUNK.

Sternwheeler Napa City Struck by Encinal in San Francisco Harbor.

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—The sternwheel steamer Napa City, plying between Sacramento and San Francisco, was rammed and sunk off the Howard Street wharf shortly after midnight this morning by the Southern Pacific ferry steamer Encinal, bound from Oakland to this city. It is believed that only one man was aboard the Napa City, which was in tow of the steamer Phoenix. The Encinal was not damaged.

ALLEGED ABDUCTION.

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—The Winnipeg police to-day arrested Albert G. Boyce, aged 35, and Mrs. J. C. Snead, aged 31. There is a reward of $500 offered by a Chicago detective agency for their detention. The charge against Boyce, who is said to be a leading clubman of Fort Worth, Texas, is abduction. Mrs. Snead is said to be the wife of a wealthy canal builder of Fort Worth. The couple arrived here three weeks ago and have been living at a fashionable hotel.

PROPOSED MODEL CITY.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—Pending the arrival of Aemilius Jarvis of Toronto, details regarding a model city scheme for Montreal are hard to obtain. The scheme as outlined here was that a syndicate of Toronto and English capitalists were to buy up a large block of property in the central part of the city, raise the building thereon and erect a model district. As Montreal property is now held at high figures, this idea hardly seems feasible.

FEUD RESULTS IN TWO DEATHS.

Reno, Nev., Dec. 27.—In a duel with guns near Lowleck at noon yesterday A. Killabrew and William Walker were killed. Killabrew was shot fourteen times. Both men were ranchers, Killabrew being an old time resident of Humboldt county and Walker a recent arrival. Family trouble is given as the cause of the fight.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Orphanage Christmas Tree.—A cordial invitation is extended to all friends to be present at the annual Christmas tree and entertainment to be held at the orphanage on Thursday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock.

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Xmas Photos. — Have them in "Sepia"—your Xmas Photographs—and of course, taken at the Skene Lowe Studio, corner Douglas and Yates streets. Do it now and half your Xmas worries will be over. •

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Police Patrol and Ambulance Wagon.—The special committee appointed to award the contract for the police patrol and ambulance wagon met yesterday afternoon, and placed the contract with the lowest bidder, the Cadillac Garage Company, the tender of which, for $3,400, was the lowest received of the six sent in.

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Hanna & Thomson, Pandora Ave.—Leading Funeral furnishing house. Connections, Vancouver, New Westminster and Winnipeg. •

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Annual Report.—Mayor Morley is preparing his annual report to the city council of the work done during the past year, the intention being to present it at the first meeting in the new year. The report will be more comprehensive than in past years, and owing to the growing importance of municipal affairs will cover an extensive field of progress in civic politics.

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"Nag" Roof Compositions will stop leaks and add years to the life of an old roof. See Newton & Greer Co., 1326 Wharf street. •

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Application to Judge.—In view of the striking off of 162 names by the court of revision on the municipal voters' lists because the declarations were received before commissioners not empowered to act under the statute, an application will be made to the Supreme court on behalf of A. E. Holmwood of 2404 Government street, and T. Davison of 1912 Richardson street, for a ruling on the legality of the proceedings. If the court orders the names restored, the cases will be taken as test ones, and determined by the decision, the whole of the names will be received, or struck out.

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—McClary's famous stoves and ranges. Clarke & Pearson, 1313 Wharf, near Johnson.

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British Columbia Horse.—The department of militia and defence has decided that the designations of the two four-squadron regiments of cavalry already authorized for this province shall be First Regiment British Columbia Horse and Second Regiment British Columbia Horse. The regimental headquarters of the First Regiment will be at Vernon and the squadron headquarters are decided on as follows: "A" squadron, Lumby; "B" squadron, Vernon; "C" squadron, Armstrong; "D" squadron, Kelowna.

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Express or Truck.—Do not forget that you can get an express or truck at any hour you may wish. Always keep your checks until you have seen us, as we will save you the 10c. on each trunk you have to pay to baggage agents on trains and boats. We will check your baggage from your hotel or residence, also store it. See us before you make your arrangements. We guarantee to satisfy everyone on price and the way we handle your goods. We consider it a favor if you will report any overcharges or incivility on the part of our help. Pacific Transfer Company, 'phone 249. 50 Fort St. •

Good Templars' Social.—The Good Templars will hold a social in the schoolroom of the Church of our Lord on Friday evening next. In the same place on New Year's day the children of the Queen Mary Juvenile Temple, which was organized last year, will also have a social.

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A. O. H. Meeting.—Victoria Division No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians, will hold a special meeting in the club rooms to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. Important business in connection with the provincial convention, which takes place in Victoria on Saturday, will be taken up. A full attendance is urgently requested. L. P. McLernan, president; T. Brown, secretary. •

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Sunday School Treat.—The annual Sunday school tea and Christmas tree in connection with St. John's church Sunday school will take place to-morrow evening in the guild hall, Herald street. The tea for the children will commence at half-past five and at 8 o'clock Santa Claus will arrive and distribute the gifts from a generously-filled tree. The presentation of prizes will also take place and there will be a programme of songs and recitations by the young people. All members of the church are invited to attend in the evening.

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Sunshine for Little Ones. — The hearts of the little patients in the Isolation hospital were made glad on Christmas, and the tedium of their confinement lightened, by the kindly thought and action of Miss Mary and Master Frank Rattenbury, from whom the smaller children received a beautifully decorated Christmas tree bearing a gift, while the larger children received each a gift. Mrs. Hasell, of the Jubilee hospital, also remembered the children shut off from their own world, at this the children's festival, for all of which kind thoughts, deeds and wishes, Miss Currie, matron of the Isolation hospital desires, on behalf of her patients and herself, to return thanks.

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Leaky Roofs Repaired by Newton & Greer Co., 1326 Wharf street, makers of "Nag" composition. •

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Christmas at the Corona.—Christmas Day was celebrated in right royal fashion at the Corona boarding house, where Mrs. Roach, the genial proprietress, entertained her boarders and friends. The diningroom was beautifully decorated by the painstaking energies of a specially appointed committee, and about 50 sat down to a sumptuous repast at which Mrs. Roach presided. Dinner being over Mr. Wm. Galt took charge of affairs and a most enjoyable evening was spent, songs interspersed with speeches being rendered by nearly all present. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded Mrs. Roach for her generous hospitality; also to Miss Tallis and W. Fraser for their assistance in making the evening one long to be remembered by those present.

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Skates Ground. — Skates hollow-ground. J. Waites, 644 Fort street. Phone 446. •

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Line to North.—The British Columbia and Dawson Railway Company will apply to the federal parliament next session for power to build branch lines of railways as follows: From Fort George northerly through the valley of the Parsnip river, by way of Fort McLeod, to its junction with the Peace river, thence along the valley of the Finlay river through Sifton pass to the Stikine river and down the latter to a junction with the main line at Telegraph Creek; from a point on the last-mentioned branch by way of the Pine river or Peace river passes, or by the most feasible route, to the eastern boundary of British Columbia; from a point on the main line between Ashcroft and the entrance of Big creek into the Fraser river by the most feasible route to Vancouver.

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Metropolitan Sunday School Entertainment.—A novel feature has been introduced this year by the Sunday school officials in the nature of an automobile parade. At least twenty motor cars will line up at the church at 2:30 o'clock to-morrow afternoon and after loading up with boys and girls will parade through the city. In the evening at 7:30 o'clock the entire school, excepting the primary and beginners classes, will assemble in the schoolroom to enjoy an exceptionally fine stereopticon entertainment to be given by W. M. Ritchie. In connection with this entertainment, cash contribution will be received from the different classes, to be applied to the purchase price of the Methodist mission boat to be operated on the Kootenay lakes. A boat, representing the mission boat, will be on the platform to receive the gifts.

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W. C. T. U. MISSION.

Xmas Festivities Give Pleasure to Large Number.

At the W. C. T. U. mission on Christmas Day approximately one hundred men sat down to the dinner provided for their benefit. The meal consisted of roast turkey with vegetables, followed by plum pudding and sauce. The dinner was served free of all charge to the partakers. During the evening a concert was given by the staff and resident members of the mission. At the close a large Christmas tree, almost entirely decorated with various-colored handkerchiefs, the gifts of the friends of the institution, was dismantled by Mr. Churchill, who distributed them to the men present. Willing helpers handed around coffee and cake, candies and fruit. A Chautauqua greeting was given to Mrs. Wellwood, president of the mission board; also to Mrs. Kaye, Miss Copeland, and Miss Dorman. Votes of thanks were tended to the W. C. T. U. ladies and to all who contributed to the day's enjoyment. The success of the entertainment was largely due to the untiring efforts of Miss Copeland.

BABY NEEDS A HOME.

Infant at Children's Aid Society Ready for Adoption.

Some weeks ago a little eleven-months-old baby girl was deserted by the parents who had adopted her when she was but two months old. Since then no one has been found who is willing to take the tiny child into their home, and although it is temporarily provided for, the infant's destiny still remains undecided. Owing to the rules which were made at the time the Children's Aid came into being, it is not permissible for this society to take a child under two years of age, consequently the poor child is without any definite and permanent home. The child is in perfectly good health, and, so far as one can judge in a baby of eleven months, is quite as amiable and good-natured as any normally healthy infant of its age. It is possible that special permission will be granted to the society to extend the shelter of the home in this particular instance, so that the child may be provided for.

The Children's Aid are giving their Christmas tree on New Year's day at 2 o'clock, and it is hoped that any gifts of clothes, toys, etc., will be sent in as soon as possible so that the parcels may be arranged. The society will be particularly grateful for useful presents for the children, as these are naturally most acceptable to the children in the home. The children will have a big dinner at 12 o'clock, and at the festivities which follow as many of the committee who are able will be present.

Guard of Honor.—Capt. H. H. Woollison, of the Boy Scouts, has issued the following order: The Victoria Boy Scouts will parade to-morrow on Belleville street opposite the C. P. R. wharf at 1:30 p. m. for the purpose of forming a guard of honor for the reception of the contingent of Australian boys from Vancouver, dress regulation scout uniform with staves, the band will also attend. The guard will be in charge of Scoutmaster M. S. Frampton.

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S. P. C. A.—Cases of cruelty, 'phone Inspector Russell, No. 1921. •

OAK BAY MUNICIPALITY.

Meeting on Greater Victoria Scheme This Evening—Conflict of Boundaries With City.

A large attendance is looked for at the meeting of the Oak Bay residents at the council chamber, Oak Bay avenue, to hear the proposals of the city council of Victoria on the Greater Victoria scheme. The meeting will come to order at 8 o'clock, and the Victoria delegation will be present to lay the case before the ratepayers of the suburban municipality. The case is particularly complicated at the present time in view of the fact that the ratepayers of two lots and part of a third which are wedged in between Oak Bay and the city boundary, and have no natural affinity with Saanich, with whom they are municipally associated, wish to join Oak Bay, while apart from the larger scheme the city wants that portion of Oak Bay which embraces the city property at the exhibition grounds and the Old Men's Home. On the other hand the owners of property in Gonzales Park wish to leave Oak Bay and enter the city, thinking they can secure more improvements for a section of property which possesses exceptional physical conditions. A full discussion of the proposal would greatly clear the air. The present area of the municipality is 2,552 acres, and the total assessed value for taxation is $2,485,453. The building permits issued for the first eleven months of the year in the municipality totalled $441,702, as against only $192,495 in the corresponding period of 1910.

A DELIGHT TO THE EYE.

Kinemacolor Pictures at the Victoria Are Well Worth Seeing.

The Kinemacolor pictures which are being shown at the Victoria theatre are a triumph of photography in color. They form the pinnacle of achievement in the depicting of nature and every-day happenings, presenting scenes in all the life, motion and color of the actual thing.

The present series, which are to be seen again this evening, are well selected and will please all tastes at the same time that they display to the full the wonders of the Kinemacolor process. Probably the greatest interest is taken in the pictures of the royal visit to Ireland and the scenes attending the investiture of the Prince of Wales. There have been other moving pictures of these events but they have lacked the attractiveness of the brilliancy of coloring which marked both, and more especially the scenes at Carnarvon Castle.

In the pictures of the investiture the gorgeous uniforms of the army officers, the robes of the peers, the striking garb of the Welsh choir and the Druids, the splendor of the civic robes and the summer gowns of the ladies are all brought out within a vividness of detail that adds to the interest of what was an historic event. The same effect heightens the pleasure in watching the views of their majesties' visit to Dublin, and other pictures in which members of the army figure.

A severe test of color photography is found in pictures showing a lady selecting wall paper. She is seated beside a number of samples which are turned over one after the other the endless variety in pattern and color of each being as clear and distinct as if the originals were hanging before the spectator. Equally as good a test and one which pleases young and old is afforded in the bird and animal studies and views of farmyard animals, in which the shades and markings of the coats of animals and of the plumage of birds is shown with truly remarkable fidelity.

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A MARRIAGE IN VICTORIA.

Mother Seeks Information About Wedding of Her Son in City Three Years Ago.

A few days since a lady arrived from Seattle on board one of the daily steamers searching for the registration of the marriage of her son to an American girl in the fall of 1908. It appears that the parties came here in September of that year, and although the youth was then under age he gave his years as twenty-one, and the nuptial knot was tied by Cornelius Bennet, who described himself as a Baptist minister. She wishes to get the marriage annulled, and desires to discover the location of Mr. Bennet to learn the circumstances under which the marriage was performed. There have been a number of these cases of young couples coming up from the American side and being united in matrimony here, and the lady was still somewhat angry to find that an early love match had forestalled her matrimonial plans for the only son, hence her anxiety to trace the ceremony.

Mr. Bennett's presence here does not seem to be easily traced at the present time, though he must have been licensed in British Columbia in order to perform a ceremony here.

Suggestion is made by one of the Baptist pastors of the city that the name should have been "Christopher Burnett," as the Rev. C. Burnett was pastor of the First Baptist Church here at the time of the marriage. He is now minister of the Parliament Street Baptist church, Toronto.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 27.—5 a. m.—The low pressure area yesterday on the British Columbian coast developed into a storm of marked energy, with fresh easterly and southerly gales on the Straits and outside waters, the wind attaining a velocity of 52 miles at the mouth of the Columbia river, and between 40 and 50 miles at this station. Heavy rain has fallen on the Coast and snow inland. A widespread area of high pressure, accompanied with a decided cold wave, stretches from the Yukon southward through the prairie provinces.

Owing to the storm all wires are down this morning and no reports received.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Thursday.

Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to fresh winds, chiefly cloudy and cold, with occasional rain.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, cloudy and cold, with rain or sleet.

Reports at 5 a.m.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.49; temperature, 48; minimum, 48; wind, 4 miles N.; rain, .07; weather, cloudy.

Victoria Daily Weather.

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Tuesday:

Temperature.

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Lowest	33
Average	41

Rain, .08 inch.

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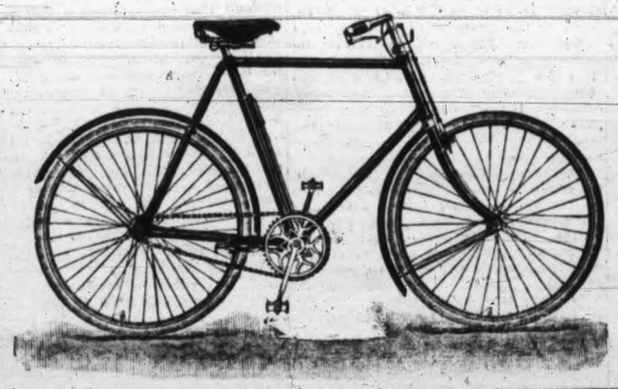


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NEWS OF SPORT

DAVIS CUP TENNIS MATCHES THIS WEEK

CHRIST CHURCH SCENE OF NOTABLE GAMES

Americans Feel Sure of Regaining Championship—Games Start Thursday

The Davis Cup tennis matches for the world's championship start on Thursday and continue over Friday and Saturday. The season in Australia and New Zealand is now in full swing and throughout Australasia the interest in the event is so keen that it is extremely difficult to obtain steamer passage from Australian and neighboring ports to Christchurch, where the matches will be played December 29, 30 and 31, that is, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, according to the time there.

At the time of the last international contest for the cup at Melbourne no less than 15,000 persons attended the games and indications are that this record will be shattered by the coming event.

For the first time in seven years American tennis fans feel sure of regaining the cup. Heretofore it has been found impossible to get the very best players of the country in either singles or doubles to make the trip, but the present team contains America's "finest" in both lines, and should they lose this time the United States will be forced to admit the superiority of the British colony.

The Australians are by no means despondent, though they will probably miss the services of A. T. Wilding and be forced to depend on N. E. Brookes and R. W. Heath in the singles and Brookes and A. W. Dunlop in the doubles.

They figure that Brookes will win both his single matches, beating both Larned and McLaughlin, while Heath is given a fair chance to beat McLoughlin.

They have great faith in the ability of A. W. Dunlop as a double partner and many of them think that he and Brookes will make a better team even than Brookes and Wilding, while they are unable to see a possibility of McLaughlin and Wright harmonizing their play as a team in doubles. Consequently they think that the doubles match is quite safe and that the worst they need expect is a victory by a score of three wins to two.

They base their estimate of Larned's present ability on his international matches in September with the two English players, Dixon and Lowe, who forced him pretty hard, though they did not class at all with such men as Brookes. Their line on McLaughlin is arrived at by reviewing his work against Brookes in 1909 in Australia and his defeat by Heath, who beat him in an exhibition match at Melbourne soon afterward. Their methods of reaching conclusions, however, seem faulty.

Properly handled, the dope sheet can be made to say almost anything. If instead of mentioning the worst performance of the American and the best work of the Australians they should compare the best work of each team they would stand about like this:

Brookes — 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, won championship of Victoria; 1905 beat H. L. Doherty in Anglo-Australian match; 1906, won championship of South Australia; 1907, won championship of England; 1907, won Davis cup matches, beating Gore and Barrett. During the past two years Brookes has been defeated twice in local tourneys, once by H. A. Parker and once by A. T. Wilding.

Larned in 1905 defeated Brookes, 14-12, 6-0, 6-3. In 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911 he won the United States national championship. Larned has not lost a single match during the last four years.

McLaughlin won the championship of the Pacific coast in 1907 and 1911. In 1911 he won the all-comers' tourney at Newport, and in the national United States championship he lost to Larned in the challenge match.

R. W. Heath won the championship of Australia in 1905 and 1911. Heath has had little success during the present season against the tournament players of England, who are not supposed to equal at present the standard found in American competitions.

So far as Larned and Brookes are concerned, they are admittedly the two strongest players of the world today, and it is impossible to get a comparative line on their abilities, as they have met no common rivals during recent years. Only an actual contest can prove which is the better man, but otherwise the American team seems to have a distinct advantage.

A. W. Dunlop is the oldest of the Australasian team. He is 37 years of age and, while he has never figured very well as a singles player, has been ranked as the third best doubles player of the world by leading English and American critics, and with different partners has held all the important doubles titles of his own country.

N. E. Brookes, who is 34 years of age, won his first title in 1902, when he captured the championship of Victoria, Australia. His capture of the English championship in 1907 along with a succession of victories in the leading English tournaments, and his subsequent success in defence of the Davis cup, have caused him to be regarded as one of the two greatest experts alive to-day.

Rodney W. Heath, who is 28 years old, is the youthful hope of Australia. He is a disciple of Brookes, with whom he practices a great deal and whose style he has copied with considerable success.

He is a very fine volleyer and forces the net a great deal, but is strong in the back court, also possessing a very fine forehand drive, which is both sure and speedy.

Like Brookes, he is rather weak overhead in comparison with his ground strokes, and his serve is of only fair strength.

He is recognized in Australia and New Zealand as the next best to Brookes and Wilding at the singles game.

TRICK SKATING AT RINK LAST NIGHT

Norval Baptie Cut Intricate Figures for Benefit of Enthusiasts—Large Crowd

Ice Skating is now an established sport in Victoria and the young men and women, as well as many of the older people, are taking to it like ducks to water. Yesterday evening again there was a nice crowd on the ice not uncomfortably large but still big enough to make Lester Patrick quite satisfied with the prospects.

Unfortunately an accident occurred before the opening of the session, which rather spoiled the ice at one end of the rink. The power went off for a time and the brine overflowed, making the ice mushy and difficult to skate on. However, that is not likely to happen again, especially at such an inopportune time.

In the afternoon, when the hockey players were practicing, the ice was perfect and a fast work-out was gone through. The men are displaying almost mid-season form.

Last night's sport was enlivened by the appearance on the ice of Norval Baptie, a champion trick and speed skater, who for the benefit of the enthusiasts cut some fancy figures in the center of the rink. He sustained a nasty accident towards the end of his performance, while in the midst of a very intricate evolution. His skates come to a sharp point at the back and one of these points pierced his shoe and inflicted a severe cut in his left foot. He dressed the wound himself and coming back to the ice declared it was nothing at all.

The Patrick brothers will, in all probability, have Mr. Baptie appear in exhibitions with Morris Wood and Edward Lamy, two other professional trick skaters at the Vancouver and Victoria rinks. Skating on stilts, 26 inches above the ice, barrel jumping, fox chasing, comic skating and racing will be included in the performances of the artists. They are also willing to compete in a race skating backwards against any amateur skating frontwards.

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BANQUET IN HONOR OF CALIFORNIANS

Vsiting Rugbyists Will Be Invited to Spread To-morrow—Changes in Line-Ups

To-morrow evening the California Rugby football players will be banqueted at the Pacific Club by the Victoria Rugby union. The committee in charge of the affair has made elaborate arrangements, and there is no doubt the players, local and visiting, will sit down to a sumptuous spread. The Berkeley men will also be invited to the dance to be given by the Daughters of Pity in the Alexandra Club ballroom Friday evening.

Several changes will have occurred in the line-ups of the teams when they take the field to-morrow afternon at Oak Bay for the second game in the Pacific Coast championship series. Fullback Williams, Three-quarter Vincent, and Forwards Vincent and Sweeney, of the local fifteen, will not play, either owing to injuries received in the game on New Year's Day or to the fact that they cannot get off work. "Boss" Johnson will play fullback; Ogden, three-quarter in the place of Vincent; and Straker and Jeffs forward in place of Carstairs and Sweeney.

California will have to make one change at least. Forward Miller had his nose broken in the last half of Monday's match and will, of course, be unable to play. He was sent to Seattle to be treated by a specialist.

The game to-morrow will commence at 2:30, and it is expected that E. J. McKay, of Vancouver, will referee.

The team as it will take the field follows: Fullback, "Boss" Johnson; three-quarters, Martin, Ogden, Stewart, and Nason; halves, Newcombe (captain), and Morton; forwards, R. Gillespie, S. Gillespie, Heinekey, Straker, Houston, A. Jeffs, Pocock, and T. Miller.

FOOTBALL IN ENGLAND.

London, Dec. 27.—The results of Boxing Day football games played throughout England yesterday are as follows:

First Division.

Aston Villa, 6; Oldham Athletic, 1.
Bradford City, 0; Manchester United, 1.
Everton, 1; Middlesborough, 0.
Newcastle United, 2; Sheffield United, 2.
Manchester City, 4; Notts County, 0.
Preston North End, 2; Blackburn Rovers, 2.
Sheffield Wednesday, 8; Sunderland, 0.
West Bromwich Albion, 2; Bury, 0.
Woolwich Arsenal, 3; Tottenham Hotspur, 1.

Second Division.

Birmingham, 5; Hull City, 1.
Bristol City, 0; Barnsley, 1.
Chelsea, 1; Fulham, 0.
Clapton Orient, 2; Bradford, 0.
Gainsborough Trinity, 2; Leeds City, 1.
Glossop, 1; Stockpool, 1.
Grimsby Town, 2; Stockport County, 2.
Notts Forest, 1; Derby County, 3.
Wolverhampton Wanderers, 1; Leicester Fosse, 0.

Southern League.

Northampton, 1; Brighton and Hove Albion, 0.
Stoke, 1; Swindon Town, 4.
Bristol Rovers, 1; Coventry City, 0.
Millwall Athletic, 0; Norwich City, 0.
Crystal Palace, 3; Queen's Park Rangers, 0.
Southampton, 3; Brentford, 2.
Exeter City, 0; Plymouth Argyle, 1.
Reading, 2; New Brompton, 0.
Watford, 0; Luton, 1.

Rugby.

Cheltenham, 3; London Welsh, 0.
Newport, 11; Watsonians, 0.
Cardiff, 19; Barbarians, 0.

CON JONES HAS NOT SIGNED ANY PLAYERS

Not Worrying About 1912 Lacrosse Team—Big Pay Will Draw Good Men

Toronto, Dec. 27. — Con Jones, the Vancouver lacrosse magnate, is in Toronto, but he has not signed any players here, nor even negotiated with any, though he may do the latter before he leaves.

"I have not signed a player for next season," he said to-night, "and that applies equally to the boys at home. I am not worrying about players, either. If a man wants to play for me he will do so, if I meet him in the matter of salary. We pay good prices because Vancouver wants the best lacrosse that can be had and will patronize that kind liberally.

"I believe in good salaries; you can call them big ones if you like, but the number of first class men are limited, and we have to pay well to get what we want."

Mr. Jones is accompanied by Mrs. Jones, and the family of four lads, as well as his brother-in-law, Mr. Sussmilch. They will spend Thursday in Cornwall with Joe Lally, and then go on to Montreal, Ottawa, Boston and New York. In Montreal they will see their first hockey game. Mr. Jones says the rinks the Patrick boys are building in the coast cities are a credit to their country and he is sure from what everybody tells him of the attractiveness of the game that it will be a great success in British Columbia.

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WILL BE TRIED OUT WITH THE ISLANDERS

Sam Berger, of Washington State League Signs on With Victoria

Manager Wattelet, of the local baseball club, has induced Sam Berger, the mightiest flinger in the Washington State League last season, to affix his name to a Victoria contract. Berger was with Centralia and was, according to those who followed the series, the big factor in Centralia's win.

Wattelet tried to buy Berger last year when the season was half through for $400, but the Centralia club directors would not part with him. When it is considered that they would lose him at the end of the season, anyway, as he had only signed for the season, it must be taken for granted that Berger is a good man. Unlike most of the Washington state leaguers, he has had plenty of experience in the game.

The Islanders' roster of pitchers is now of formidable dimensions, a round dozen being included in the list. They are McCreery, Narveson, Lake and Surphlis, of last year's squad, and Wilson, Kaufmann, Smith, Olsen, Kantlehner, Griffin, Concannon and Berger. Three of them, Kantlehner, Griffin and Concannon, are portside heavers.

IS GRIFFIN A CHAMPION?

If He is They Don't Know About It in Australia.

As it is not unlikely that Joe Bayley, the local fighter, who is now in Calgary, and Charlie Griffin, the Australian, may meet in the near future it would perhaps be well to enlighten the public as to the Australian lightweight championship claims of Charlie Griffin.

Several sport writers credit Griffin with having defeated every man brought against him in the Antipodes and even go so far as to class him as a logical contestant for the world's title. According to a reputable Australian sporting paper Charlie Griffin was defeated in eleven rounds at Melbourne, Australia, last October by Frank Thorn, a featherweight. Describing the fight the exchange says: "Right from the start Griffin kept tearing in and although he connected pretty frequently with Thorn's body his blows carried little weight. Thorn declared after the fight that he had not received one punch that troubled him. There was very little clean hitting and what boxing was done certainly showed Thorn to be the better man. Referee Sam Gray considered the points so close at the end of ten rounds that he sent the boys over an extra round and then declared in favor of Thorn."

A local sporting man, who just recently came from Australia, says this is the same Griffin who graduated a while back from the feather to the lightweight class and is now seeking a mill with Billy Allen. If is is, and there is no reason to doubt that it is not, nobody need run away with the idea that if Joe hooks up with Griffin and is successful that he is any nearer the championship. If he were not successful—Good night!

SPORT NOTES

The Seattle football fans will have to do without the Rugby game between Victoria and California, which it was stated in a communication to H. W. Spalding, of the local Rugby union, they were so anxious to witness. The local Rugbyists say there are no decent grounds in Seattle and that they won't play in sand for anybody.

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Matrimony has walloped quite a few well known N. H. A. players since the round-up last season. Among the notables who have crossed over are Fred Lake, the Ottawa point player; Skinner Poulin, the hardest body checker in the league last season; Bobby Rowe, the Renfrew rover, and Sprague Cleghorn, the defence player who was purchased by Wanderers from Toronto. Walter Smaill also will enter the ranks of the benedicts early in the new year.

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A meeting of the amateur Island Football League will be held in the room above Rendall's poolroom this evening.

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Ken Mallen, another N. H. A. star, who has been playing with Quebec, is expected to join the New Westminster ice hockey club this week.

SASKATOON WON OPENER.

First Game of Saskatchewan Professional Hockey League at Moosejaw.

Moosejaw, Sask., Dec. 27. — In the opening game of Saskatchewan Professional Hockey league, Saskatoon defeated Moose Jaw by 8-3. The northern city outclassed the local boys in most departments of the game and showed much superior combination. Rustie Crawford, for Saskatoon, starred as rover, and Leitch of the same aggregation, with Haddock as goal and left, respectively, did fine work. Creighton, as left, and Mummery, point, were outstanding for Moose Jaw.

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HOUSECLEANING FOR THE SESSION

GETTING LEGISLATIVE QUARTERS IN READINESS

Members Will Have Some Important Government Legislation to Take Action on

The legislative wing of the parliament buildings is beginning to assume its pre-session aspect. Workmen are busy taking up carpets, cleaning them and laying them down again, furniture is being polished, the members' desks are being overhauled and everyone is in the midst of a thorough housecleaning. It is apparently as much a necessary preliminary to the opening of the House as it is for the government to have reports and legislation ready for submission, although Chief Janitor Ryan keeps the whole building as neat as the proverbial new pin the year round, and the cleaning done now is more formal than actual.

In the departments the annual reports are being got ready for presentation to the House when it meets, earliest of these being the volume of public accounts, which is brought down by the provincial treasurer the afternoon the session opens. The printing bureau has also a deal of work on hand in preparation for the session.

There was to have been a meeting of the executive council yesterday to take up, among other business, matters which need to be got under way to be put in the form of bills later. Owing to the holidays, however, the meeting was put off for a day or two, but from to-morrow there will probably be sittings of the council daily.

It is understood that the biggest question which the cabinet has to deal with is the railway policy, which the premier has announced is to be placed before the House and the country at the coming session. There are rumors that this is a much more ambitious policy than the one on which the McBride government won two years ago, and that it will commit the province to very heavy indebtedness and liability, greatly exceeding that under the Canadian Northern agreement. There is not the slightest doubt that the policy, when announced, will be found to be one that will need the most careful scrutiny.

Another important item of business which the legislature has to deal with at next session is the redistributing of the seats in the legislature on the basis of the census taken six months ago. There will be probably half a dozen new constituencies created, perhaps more, and this will entail considerable change in some of the existing constituencies. That the new division will be made in such a way as to benefit the Conservative party and deprive the Liberals of as much chance as possible of electing members in opposition to the McBride government goes without saying. It is likely that the schedules will be drawn up by a committee of the House, but with only one Liberal member in the legislature the government fears no trouble in getting its plans carried through.

Legislation to give effect to the recommendations of the timber and forestry commission is looked for. Hon. W. R. Ross, who will have charge of whatever bill is submitted, when in the east recently consulted experts and will have their advice in addition to the very full and complete report which the commission made on the subject. The report of the taxation and assessment commission comes before the government in a day or two, and the minister of finance will have a draft bill to submit embodying the changes which he thinks ought to be made in the existing laws.

So far as can be seen there is not much private legislation to come before the House, but then that is a branch of the legislature's work which seems to crop up after the session gets going. There are two or three railway bills which are being advertised, Victoria and Vancouver are both looking for legislation in municipal matters, and the Union of B. C. Municipalities will have some amendments to the Municipal Clauses Act to ask for.

DEFENCE OF FOREIGNERS.

The foreign representatives of Peking, according to exchanges which arrived from Japan by the Sado Maru this morning, have jointly decided to increase the number of their guards for the protection of their countrymen in China, but the number is to be limited to that of the force despatched on the occasion of the Boxer trouble. This decision was at once transferred to Yuan, Shih-kai, the Premier. The British representative has asked the Chinese Premier to take the necessary step to maintain order in Peking, on which proposal the parties are conducting negotiations. In conformance with the resolution adopted by the diplomatic representatives, the Japanese government has declared that a necessary reinforcement would shortly be despatched to North China, namely to Pekin and Tientsin. The number of the force to be newly added will be limited to one battalion of infantry and a small body with machine guns. The reinforcement was appointed to the Nagoya Division. It is reported by a Pekin telegram that Germany has intimated to the Chinese government she would increase the number of her garrison in Shangtung on account of the uneasiness prevailing in the district. Yuan Shih-kai refused to give consent, saying that the Chinese government has already taken a necessary step by despatching an ample supply of soldiers with a view to upholding order. The British representative in Pekin has also asked Yuan Shih-kai to consent to allot an army to Hunan in order to protect the representatives of the British syndicate Company in that province.

FINANCIAL CRISIS NOW FACES CHINA

SERIOUS RESULTS OF FAMINE AND CONFLICT

Returning Missionary Contrasts Conditions in North China With Boxer Rising

On the Sado Maru, which arrived at the Outer Wharf this morning from Yokohama, were Rev. A. and Mrs. Jennings, of the China Inland Mission, who are settled at Lu Cheng, in the south eastern portion of Shan Si province. Mr. Jennings is returning to Europe on furlough, while his wife, who is a native of Scranton, Penn., is visiting her friends with the two children, who were born in China, and have not yet seen their American relatives.

While they had contemplated leaving their station in the Spring they accelerated their journey by a few days through hearing that the railway between Pekin and Honkow had been disturbed by the revolutionary troops, but this fortunately proved to have been only temporary, as the tracks had been relayed, and triffic was proceeding uninterruptedly at that time.

They went down country by mule train, without any escort, and were not disturbed, the province of Shan Si having been one of the earliest to show sympathy with the revolutionary cause, and Mr. Jennings explained that at any rate so far as the northern provinces were concerned the white residents were in no danger on this occasion. As a matter of fact they left some English missionaries at work, and engaged in building operations at the mission as if nothing had happened. On the way down, however, there were few missionaries to be seen, most of them congregating at Shanghai by advice of the foreign consuls.

As one who went through the Boxer trouble, being then stationed in the same vicinity as his present post, and had a perilous journey for forty days in which six of the fourteen members of his party were murdered en route, he was surprised how little the present disturbances affected the white people in the country. The war was, however, purely a civil struggle and the attacks which had taken place on missionaries travelling to the coast were due to robber bands who had seized the opportunity of the civil disorder to assault and rob the foreigners. Such he thought were the cause of the murder of Mrs. Beckman at Sian Fu, and of the assault on Rev. and Mrs. Blom by irregular soldiery at Honan Fu on their way to the coast from their station at Yueng Chung, south-western Shan Si. The latter he knew quite well personally, and Mrs. Blom was now in the hospital at Shanghai in a serious condition. This party, however, reached safety a day or two after the Sado Maru left Shanghai for Japanese ports, so he did not see them. He had hoped to spend Christmas on American soil, as his wife had not been at home for some years, but a delay of a week in Yokohama had delayed matters so that they spent Yuletide at sea.

While they were still in Shanghai reports reached the missionaries assembled there from all parts of China that the soldiers had proved troublesome in the towns of Tsing-Kiang-Pu and An-tong, in Kiang-Su province, where the China Inland Mission possessed stations, but whether the lives of the whites were endangered he could not say at the time they left China.

Speaking of the condition of affairs in the country Mr. Jennings remarked that when they reached Tient-sin, passing around Pekin, which they did not enter, having children to care for, they found the whole financial state of the country embarrassed. At every one of the treaty ports failures had taken place or were impending, and following on the disastrous losses succeeding the collapse of the rubber boom last year, in which the foreign merchants in the Chinese cities were heavily concerned, the present troubles would send many of them finally on the rocks. The banks had been unable to send money up country, and the missionaries who remained behind would be unable to receive their quarterly remittances. He anticipates a financial crisis as soon as the country settles down from its period of civil conflict.

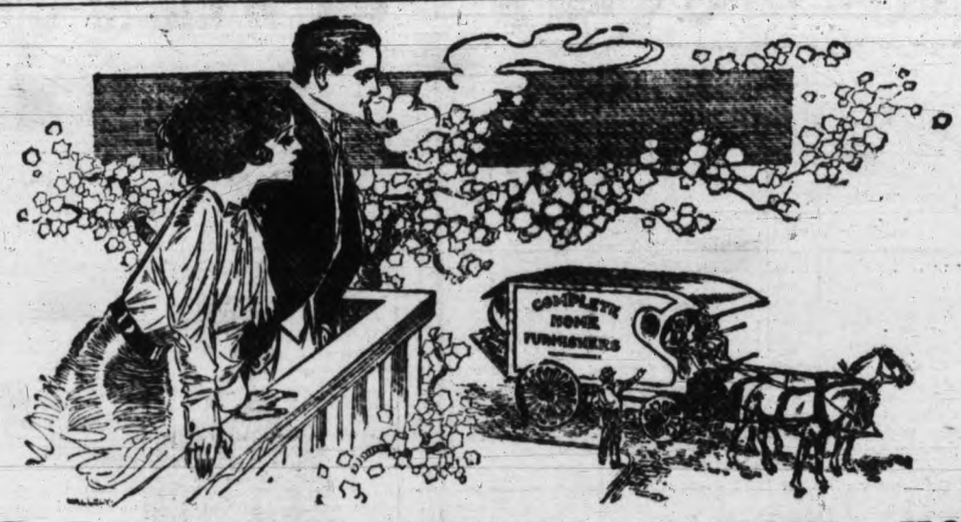
The absence of order caused some serious results. He had a Chinese magistrate in his home city, and at a larger city in the province was a Manchu, and neither knew what authority to recognize. The latter died of heart failure from fright before he came away from Lu Cheng. Speaking of the future Mr. Jennings said he feared for the results in Pekin if announcement was made in consequence of the present negotiations that the Manchu domination must go, and a republic take its place. The Manchus recognized they were on their last legs, and a massacre of foreigners might be the result of the knowledge that their power was at an end. In China eyes were turned to Pekin with the expectation of a final rally in the interests of the imperialists.

A meeting of the city Rugby league executive will be held in the J. B. A. A. rooms this evening.

Tenders

For the erection of a Six-storey, Reinforced Concrete Building on the north side of Johnson street, between Broad and Douglas, for Mr. Charles Hayward and Mr. Frank S. Barnard, will be received by the undersigned until Monday, January 15th, 1912, at 5 p. m. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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- ¶ Lemonades

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This week offers you some great opportunities to secure China at saving prices. The big holiday business has left us with many odd lines, and these will be priced at interesting figures to clear in a hurry. A visit to the China store will amply repay you. Come in and inspect the offerings of the special value counters, they'll be filled with real bargains. If you have forgotten someone at Christmas or received a gift from an unexpected source here is an opportunity to send a New Year's remembrance and save in the sending.

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PRESENCE OF MIND

Coachman:—"The horses are running away, and I can't stop them!"

Mr. Stingiman:—"You can't? Well, be careful to run into something cheap!"

SOMETHING WORTH SEEING

Smith and Johnson were out strolling when a football team, having just finished their match, came in sight.

"Whatever have these chaps been doing?" said Smith. "Here's one with a black eye, four of them are limping, and two have got their heads bandaged."

"I expect it has been a rather rough game," said Johnson. Then he turned to one of the passing players. "Have you won to-day?" he asked.

"Yes," was the reply. "Four goals to none."

"Come on," said Smith, catching his friend by the arm, "let's hurry up. I wouldn't half like to have a look at the losers!"

TRAPPED.

"Glorious!" cried the Hon. Vere de Vere to the ladies who were defying the law with him in his motor.

"Lovely!" shrieked the ladies.

"Perlice-trap!" yelled a youth, waving his arms frantically as the car whizzed by.

"Where?" asked the Hon. Vere de Vere, pulling up.

"Between 'ere and the second cottage yer come to, sir," replied the youth.

"Thanks," said the Hon. Vere. "Here's sixpence for you."

And he started the car at a discreet pace.

"Yer'll find the trap in the second cottage yer comes to!" shouted the youth, as the car drew away. "The perleeceman lives there, and he set it this mornin' to catch mice!"

THE PLAINEST GIRL

Miss Plane:—"Didn't you hear Miss Knox tell me yesterday that I was the plainest girl in town?"

Gladys:—"Yes. I gave her a piece of my mind about it afterwards."

"Oh, did you? I hope you weren't too hard on her."

"Well, I told her she ought to consider how sensitive you must be about it."



CHRISTMAS IN THE DEEP SEA

Sun Fish:—"Cheese it, Bill! Look at the beautiful lace curtain Santa Claus has sent us."

PICTURE OF THE PAST

Brown (narrating his experiences while almost drowning):—"It was a terrible sensation! After I went down for the third time my past life flashed before me in a series of pictures."

Jones (edging forward with a sudden interest):—"You didn't happen to notice a picture of me lending you a fiver in the autumn of 1908, did you?"

CAT IN DANGER

The schoolmaster said:—"You are very slow, Georgie. Now if you don't answer the next question in ten minutes I'll give you a taste of this cane. If you put forty eggs into an incubator, and nine-tenths of them hatched, what would you get?"

The master had only counted four, when Georgie said:—

"Well, first thing, with all them chickens about, I'd get a brick and a string and drown our cat."

HORRORS OF WAR.

Andrew Carnegie was talking about the horrors of war. "Once, at the height of the American Civil War," he said, "two men at a railway station saw a cartload of wooden legs depart for a military hospital.

"'Those wooden legs,' said the first man, 'are a rather eloquent protest against war, aren't they?'

"'Yes,' agreed the other: 'they are what you might call stump speeches.'"

DISCHARGE EXPLAINED

"What made that prima donna demand your discharge?"

"I wrote an article," replied the reporter, "saying that she sings like an angel. She said she saw no reason for complimentary reference to anybody's singing except her own."

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AUSTRALIAN LINER SAILING TO-NIGHT

Makura Clearing With Full Cargo and Many Passengers for Antipodean Ports

Aboard the Canadian-Australian liner Makura, Capt. Gibbs, which will sail from the outer docks about 7 o'clock this evening for the Antipodes, will be an aeroplane, which is to be used by Arthur B. Stone, of New York in a number of aerial flights in Australia and New Zealand. Mr. Stone left Victoria on the Marama, which sailed a month ago, to make arrangements for holding the exhibition. Upon the arrival of the aeroplane in Sydney, Stone will make a long distance flight to Melbourne in order to popularize the sport. He will induce a number of American aviators to proceed to the Antipodes and engage in contests providing the Australians become interested in the sport.

Seventy saloon, 130 second and 160 steerage passengers are leaving on the Makura for Auckland and Sydney. Among the passengers is Lord Inchcape, who is prominently connected with British shipping. Lord Inchcape was made known best probably because of his negotiation of the commercial treaty between Britain and China. As special commissioner and plenipotentiary for Britain he spent a year in China arranginh this treaty, which was signed on September 5, 1902, at Shanghai. He served on a committee appointed to report on the possibility of improving consular affairs of Great Britain, and various commissions, including the international commission regarding the introduction of the gold standard into Mexico and China, and the committee appointed to consider the advisability of a national indemnity for ships and cargoes seized in wartime.

As usual, the Makura is taking a full cargo of general freight, including drugs, condensed milk, automobiles and machinery.

No word has yet been received from the Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Seattle Maru, which is due to dock here tomorrow morning from Yokohama and other Oriental ports. She has a number of steerage passengers and a large cargo of general freight.

MAKES SMART RECORD.

Schooner Robert Searles Passes in Thirteen Days Out From Honolulu.

If the cabled date of her departure from Honolulu for the Sound is correct, the schooner Robert Searles has made one of the smartest passages of the season between the Hawaiian islands port and Cape Flattery. The Searles was reported passing in the Strait Monday morning at 8.40 o'clock after a passage of about thirteen days.

The schooner left Everett November 2 with a cargo of lumber for Honolulu and on the passage made the voyage in 17 days. She left Honolulu December 12 on the return passage, and was out thirteen days Monday night. The Searles, well known at this port, is a vessel of 565 tons and carries about 800,000 feet of lumber.

The record of the Searles is the second smart voyage from the island to the Sound in the past few days. The schooner Crescent, arriving last week and now at a down-sound port to load lumber, is said to have made the passage from the Islands to Cape Flattery in little less than thirteen days.

The average passage from the islands to the Sound is from twenty to thirty days.

COASTWISE RATES

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 27.—Coastwise lumber rates are remaining firm at advanced prices, and the chartering during the past ten days has been active. As a usual thing at this time of the year, the lumber chartering coast trade is inactive and rather low. This market has also been showing signs of renewed activity, and several out charters have been announced.

The highest rate for the trip from Gray's Harbor to San Pedro was received by the schooners Robert R. Hind and William Olsen. Both receive $5 for the voyage. The charter of the schooners Balboa, Forster, barquentine Benicia and schooner Hind are among the most recent fixed at the prevailing high rate.

WEIR LINERS RUSH FREIGHT ALL OVER

Steamships in Oriental and Australian Service Are Exceedingly Busy at Present

Vessels of the Waterhouse line, both in the Australian service and in the trans-Pacific trade, are being kept busy. In the Australian service, the steamship Belle of Scotland will follow the Croydon to Australia. She now is loading at Vancouver, and will proceed to seattle to-morrow and pick up the balance of her cargo. The steamships Henrik Ibsen and Strathairly are coming to the Sound shortly and the liner Christian Bors is about due at Sydney, Australia, from Seattle.

The Henrik Ibsen is taking on 1,200 tons of coal at Comox, before loading lumber and general cargo at Vancouver, Puget Sound and San Francisco for Australia. The Strathairly is due on January 20 at San Francisco on her way to Puget Sound to load a large cargo for Australia.

In the trans-Pacific line, local shippers most are interested in the movements of the steamships Luceric, Kumeric, Suveric, Orteric, Silverbirch, Strathlyon, Rygja, Hercules, Dunbar, Needles and Strathendrick. The last named vessel, which several days ago specially was chartered by the Waterhouse line, is due January 4 at San Francisco from Norfolk, Va., with eastern coal for government use. The Needles left Redondo December 20 for Comox, where she is due to-day. She will load approximately 10,000 bales of cotton on Puget Sound for the Orient.

The Suveric now is in Manila loading hemp and other freight for Pacific coast ports. The Orteric sailed from Yokohama December 19 for Seattle and is due at Victoria January 3. Her eastward cargo consists of 4,090 tons Oriental freight; 410 bales silk, valued at $300,000, and 150 bags of mail. Her passenger list covers eight first-class and twenty-two steerage.

The Silverbirch, which left Everett December 11 for Hongkong and Manila with 4,122 tons forage and flour and 522,437 feet lumber, is expected to reach her first port of call within a few days.

The Strathlyon yesterday reached Vancouver from Yokohama after calling here on Monday.

The Rygja left Hongkong December 20 for Shanghai and Japan to load additional cargo eastward for Pacific coast ports.

The Hercules is expected to leave San Francisco December 24 for Portland to load approximately 3,000,000 feet of lumber for Manila.

The Dunbar, which left Tacoma December 17, next week is due at Kobe with 9,112 bales of cotton.

TIDE TABLE.

Date	Victoria, December, 1911. Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	h.m.	ft.	h.m.	ft.	h.m.	ft.	h.m.	ft.
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3	3 16	6.5	5 41	6.4	11 48	9.0	19 40	2.1
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8	...	..	...	..	14 03	9.9	23 15	0.4
9	...	..	9 18	8.8	14 35	9.4	...	..
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15	1 24	6.0	3 58	5.7	10 34	8.9	18 49	3.4
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17	...	..	11 21	9.3	...	..	19 53	1.9
18	...	..	11 44	9.4	...	..	20 26	1.3
19	...	..	...	..	12 00	9.5	20 59	1.0
20	...	..	...	..	12 10	9.5	21 32	0.9
21	...	..	...	..	12 17	9.5	22 04	0.8
22	...	..	...	..	12 32	9.4	22 37	1.1
23	...	..	...	..	12 53	9.2	23 13	1.4
24	...	..	10 18	8.8	13 26	8.8	23 51	1.9
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27	1 07	3.3	9 26	8.4	...	..	...	..
28	1 42	4.1	9 28	8.5	...	..	...	..
29	2 12	5.0	9 39	8.7	17 18	4.8	...	..
30	...	..	9 56	9.0	17 56	3.6	...	..
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The time used is Pacific Standard for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water.

The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of the lowest low water in each month of the year. This level is half a foot lower than the datum to which the soundings on the Admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are reduced.

Repairs to the Canadian-Mexican liner Lonsdale, now lying at the B. C. Marine railway yards, are being rushed rapidly. Several new plates are to be fitted in her hull and she is to be given a general overhaul. It is expected that she will be ready for service about January 12, taking the sailing to Salina Cruz three days later.



LEAVING CLYDE FOR THIS PORT JAN. 10

Queen Alexandra Nearly Ready for Long Trip Around Cape Horn

Latest advices received from the shipyards of Denny Bros., Dumbarton, Scotland, state that the new steamer Queen Alexandra, purchased by the B. C. coast service for the run between Nanaimo and Vancouver, will leave the Clyde about January 10. The repairs and alterations to the flyer have taken considerably longer than was at first expected, and the sailing of the vessel has had to be postponed.

If the Queen Alexandra gets away from the Clyde on January 10 she should put in an appearance here about the 1st of April. Shipping men will watch the performance of the Queen as she is probably the lightest ship that ever started on the 15,000-mile journey via Cape Horn. The steamer will make the trip at the regular speed of vessels coming from the Old Country, between 10 and 12 knots an hour.

When the Alexandra arrives here she will, after a thorough overhauling, replace the Charmer on the route between the Terminal and Coal cities. It is the intention of the company to have the vessel make two trips a day as the business now warrants a better service. The steamer Joan, until a short time ago, was able to look after the needs of the run, but of late travel has been so great that she had to be replaced by the Charmer. Now the Charmer has been found to be too small for the service and the Queen has been purchased to take care of the run.

The trips between Mainland and Island ports are made in the day time so that very few staterooms are required. The Queen Alexandra is a regular ferry steamer, having seats arranged similar to those in the street cars. She makes 22 knots an hour, which is almost nine knots faster than the Charmer. As a result the time for the trip between Vancouver and Nanaimo will be about two hours instead of three.

WIRELESS REPORTS

December 27, 8 a. m.

Point Grey.—Cloudy; wind S. E., light; 29.40; 38; sea moderate.

Cape Lazo. — Cloudy; wind S. E., light; 29.37; 38; light swell.

Tatoosh.—Light rain; win S. E., 18 miles; 29.44; 40; sea moderate. In, a steamer at 6.10 p. m.; steamer Sado Maru at 8 p. m.

Pachena. — Raining; wind S. E., strong; 29.20; 39; sea rough.

Estevan.—Cloudy; wind S. E., strong; 30.00; 41; sea moderate.

Triangle.—Foggy; raining; wind west 45 miles; 28.63; 30; dense seaward.

Ikeda.—Cloudy; wind north; strong gale; 29.29; 30; sea rough.

Prince Rupert.—Snowing; wind N. E., light; 29.31; 31; sea smooth. Spoke steamer Lansing at 9.30 p. m. southbound off Cape James at 6. 30 p. m.; in, Curacoa at 4 a. m. southbound.

Dead Tree Point.—Cloudy; wind N. W., sea smooth.

Noon.

Point Grey.—Raining; wind S. E.; thick seaward; 29.38; 37; sea moderate.

Cape Lazo.—Clear; wind S. E., fresh; heavy swell.

Tatoosh.—Foggy; wind S. E. 18 miles; 29.43; 39; sea moderate.

Pachena.—Overcast; wind S. E., strong; 29.30; 40; sea moderate.

Estevan.—Raining; wind S. E., fresh; 28.92; 40; sea rough.

Triangle.—Foggy; raining; wind west; 28.70; 29; dense seaward.

Ikeda.—Snowing; wind N.W.; 29.34; 32; sea rough.

Prince Rupert.—Snowing; calm; 29.40; 29; sea moderate. In, Prince Rupert, at 11 a. m.

Dead Tree Point.—Squally; wind N. W.; sea moderate.

The British ship Celtic Race, which has arrived at Queenstown from Sydney, N. S. W., reports having encountered a heavy gale on November 13 in the Atlantic. A terrific southerly storm lasted for a whole week, during which the vessel was in a perilous position, being practically submerged by the large seas which constantly swept over her. The cabins were flooded and the furniture and provisions destroyed. Two lifeboats were swept out of the davits and pounded to pieces by the waves, sails were blown into ribbons, and the ship was for a long time with her lee rail under water, in great danger of foundering. The crew, in order to save the ship and their lives, were compelled to jettison a considerable quantity of cargo. This work was accomplished under great difficulty, the seamen having to be lashed to the deck and spars to carry out the operation.

JOLLY TIME SPENT ON CHRISTMAS DAY

SANTA CLAUS VISITS PASSENGERS ON SADO

Ship Was Elaborately Decorated for Occasion—Special Dinner Served—Big Cargo

Spending Christmas on the high seas with all the luxuries that are provided for a similar gathering on the land, while not as complete and nice as one passed among friends and relatives, is not too bad according to the passengers of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Sado Maru, Capt. Richards, which arrived at the outer docks early this morning from Yokohama. The vessel was two days out from Victoria when Christmas Day dawned, but every provision had been made by the steward's department before leaving the Japanese port to have aboard a large stock of turkeys, plum puddings, mince pies, cakes, nuts, candies and all the other necessities of that season of the year.

On the Saturday preceding Christmas Day the stewards commenced to decorate the saloon of the steamship, and when they had completed their task the first class quarters appeared like fairy land. Japanese lanterns were placed over all the electric lights and many were lighted with candles; Japanese fancy papers and designs were strung artistically over the sides and ceiling of the rooms; evergreens, carefully packed at Yokohama before the ship left, were worked into beautiful designs, and a magnificent Christmas tree, which was taken special care of by the chief steward during the previous part of the trip, was elaborately decorated with tinsel and other material and occupied a position in the centre of the saloon.

After the Christmas dinner had been served the passengers, including the second and third class as well as the first, gathered in the saloon for the entertainment, which had been arranged by the chief steward. After songs and recitations had been rendered by several of the musically inclined passengers, Santa Claus was ushered into the room and commenced to distribute presents to the children who were aboard. Capt. Richards, master of the ship, presided over the gathering and contributed several vocal selections, much to the delight of the audience. The whistling winds formed the accompaniment to the songs, as the vessels is not equipped with a piano.

Officers of the Sado Maru state that the trip from Yokohama was uneventful, except for a few days' rough weather encountered when about half way across. About seven days out from Yokohama the Maru was caught in a heavy southerly gale which lasted for three days. Monster seas broke over the vessel's bow and flooded her decks. One day Capt. Richards refused to allow any one out on deck as the ship was pitching and rolling considerably. The Sado is the first ship to report having experienced snow during the run across this winter. When crossing the meridian a snow squall assailed the ship and continued for several hours.

The Maru had a large passenger list, including the following: G. Gaster, from Yokohama, who landed here; J. K. Davis, American consul at Yokohama; W. Thompson, an English traveller; F. Starr, who has been on a visit to Japan; Mrs. M. Ando, a Japanese lady; Mrs. J. S. Simpson and child, and Thos. L. Boone, from San Francisco, who have been on a tour of the Orient; Mr. and Mrs. Jennings and two children, from North China, where they have been engaged for ten years in missionary work; A. Laemmert, manager of the Pang Shan mines in Hunon province, China, who has returned to America on account of the revolution in China having tied things up; M. Gonzales and K. Kumatsu. There were about fifteen second class passengers and as steerage there were nine Japanese for Victoria and eighteen Japanese and four Russians for Seattle.

For Victoria the cargo on the Sado consisted of the following: Oranges, 2,553 boxes; bean cake, 1,625 packages; sugar, 1,250 sacks; rice, 700 sacks; corn, 644 sacks; walnuts, 610 bags; soy, 410 casks; bamboo, 365 packages; salted vegetables, 310 tubs; miso, 200 tubs, sake, 40 casks, and general merchandise, 582 packages. The steamship has 2,500 tons of cargo for Seattle.

The Maru was delayed at Yokohama a week, having repairs effected as a result of the heavy weather experienced off this coast on her last outward bound trip. Her steering gear was slightly damaged.

Consideration of a joint resolution providing for a special investigation of the "shipping trust" is to be pressed in congress at Washington, D. C., soon after the holidays. Hearings on a resolution introduced by Representative Humphrey of Washington directing the appointment of a special committee to make the inquiry will be before the house rules committee on January 15.

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It is expected that within a few days the C. P. R. steamer Queen City will be launched from the B. C. Marine ways. A large section of her keel forward has been removed which was damaged when the ship struck in Barkley Sound a short time ago.

LARGE CARGO FOR ORIENT AND U. K.

Antilochus Clears for Liverpool —Teucer Returning To-morrow to Unload Freight

With 12,000 tons of cargo stowed beneath her hatches and several hundred Chinese travelling as steerage, the Blue Funnel liner Antilochus, Captain Stewart, left the outer docks this morning at 11 o'clock for Liverpool, via Far Eastern ports. At Victoria, Vancouver and Puget Sound cities the big steamship gathered one of the largest cargoes that has left this port for some time. She had a large shipment of cotton, amounting to about 5,000 bales, 550,000 feet of lumber, 60,000 sacks of flour and consignments of hay, oats, scrap tin, ore and general merchandise.

While at the outer docks a great many local Chinese embarked en route to their native land for the New Year celebration. The rush of Orientals to the Far East is gradually beginning to show a declination in numbers, as the previous two Holt vessels, which sailed from Victoria, took upwards of 1,000 Chinese. On her last outward trip the Antilochus had a fire in hatch No. 1 and had to remain at Perim for several days until it was extinguished. While at Manila she loaded a shipment of hemp and this in some unknown manner ignited.

The Holt steamship Teucer, Captain Yarwood, which arrived here from the United Kingdom last Saturday, will return to Victoria to-morrow to commence discharging 2,000 tons of freight consigned to local merchants. It includes whiskey, wines, ales, machinery, glass and pipe. The Teucer will be here about three days and will then proceed to Vancouver, for which port she has about 5,000 tons of cargo.

Without stopping here the Harrison liner Crown of Galacia, Captain Holliday, proceeded on to Vancouver. She passed here yesterday afternoon and has a cargo of about one thousand tons for the Terminal City. The local freight did not warrant a call being made here, so it will be unloaded at Vancouver and transhipped here.

SHIPPING GUIDE

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

From the Orient.

Orteric	Dec. 28
Mexico Maru	Dec. 28
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From Australia.

Zealandia	Jan. 9

From Liverpool.

Titan	Jan. 20

From Mexico.

Beckenham	Jan. 10

From Antwerp.

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For the Orient.

Sado Maru	Dec. 30
Mexico Maru	Jan. 7
Empress of Japan	Jan. 10

For Mexico.

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For Liverpool.

Teucer	Jan. 24

For Australia.

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COASTWISE STEAMERS.

From San Francisco.

City of Puebla	Dec. 28
Umatilla	Jan. 4

From Northern B. C. Ports.

Prince Rupert	Dec. 31
Venture	Jan. 2

From Skagway.

Princess May	Jan. 10

For San Francisco.

City of Puebla	Jan. 3
Umatilla	Jan. 10

For Skagway.

Princess May	Dec. 29

For Northern B. C. Ports.

Prince Rupert	Jan. 1
Venture	Jan. 3
Princess Beatrice	Jan. 5

For the West Coast.

Tees	Jan. 1

For Nanaimo.

Charmer	Jan. 2

For East Coast.

Otter	Jan. 2

SLACK WATER—ACTIVE PASS.

December, 1911.

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11	9 57	20 14	2 25	16 4?
12	10 39	22 01	3 19	17 4?
13	11 17	23 50	4 18	18 4?
14	11 52	...	5 23	19 ??
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16	2 55	12 52	7 38	20 4?
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18	4 45	13 45	9 41	21 5?
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24	8 23	17 04	0 38	14 4?
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26	9 23	19 21	1 54	16 0?
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The time used is Pacific Standard for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight.

Completing her Seattle cargo, the American-Hawaiian liner Nevadan on Monday went to Bellingham to load heavy shipments of salmon. The vessel is expected to sail from that port this afternoon.

TRANSPORTATION.

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ADVERTISE IN THE TIMES

INSPECTING MILK SUPPLY OF CITY

HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS TAKING SAMPLES

Provincial Analyst is at Work on the Examination of These at Present

For some time past the officials of the city medical health officer's staff have been engaged in the work of milk inspection. An active campaign for pure milk was planned by Dr. G. A. B. Hall even before the demand for a rigid inspection of the high-priced luxury began to be made in the press and in the city council, and his sanitary inspectors have been quietly at work for three weeks taking samples for analysis from the milkmen on their rounds. It is a somewhat slow process and had to be sandwiched in between other duties, but now samples have been secured from practically every vendor of milk in Victoria.

These samples are sent to the provincial analyst, Herbert Carmichael, and he is proceeding with their analysis as rapidly as he can. When Dr. Hall receives his report he will send this on to council with whatever recommendations he finds necessary. In the cases where the milk does not come up to the standard required he will demand that prosecutions be undertaken and pushed. The last time samples of milk were taken and prosecution found needful the city council did not go ahead from various causes, and so the lesson which might have been taught at the time was lost.

The modus operandi of taking samples is rather involved. The inspectors have to purchase the samples from the milkmen in the ordinary course of business. In each case they have to take three samples, seal these up in small bottles and label them. One is handed back to the milkman for his protection in case prosecution become necessary, a second is sent to the provincial analyst and forms the basis of any action taken afterwards, and the third has to be sent to the Dominion analyst at Ottawa.

Some time early in the new year Dr. Hall hopes to be able to announce the result of the inspection, in part at any rate.

TO ELECT NEW PRESIDENT.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Dec. 27.—Carlos Freile Zaldumbide, who is temporarily in charge of the executive department of Ecuador, has fixed the date of the election of a successor to President Emilio Estrada, who died on December 22, for January 26. The polling will end on January 31. The majority of the Liberals in the republic give their support to ex-President General Leonidas Plaza, for the presidential office. Calm prevails throughout the republic, except in the province of Esmeralda, where the Radicals have proclaimed General Flavio Alfaro, former minister of war, and former military commander of Guayaquil, as supreme chief of the republic.

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ALCOHOL AND TEA BLAMED FOR CRIME

Man Who Stole Cannot Understand How Johnston Street Saloons Escape Police

While James Scott, a well-dressed and respectable appearing Britisher, is spending the next twelve months in jail as the result of four theft charges to which he pleaded guilty this morning, he will meditate on the abuse of whiskey drinking which he blames as the cause of his being in trouble.

Leaving the court this morning with the sentence against him he angrily remarked, referring to the Johnson street saloons, "I don't know how they get away with it. It is not whiskey they sell but alcohol and tea."

He stole suits of clothes from the Atlantic and Empire saloons and also $60 in money. The clothing and money were recovered in his room in a rooming house, but there are missing a gold watch and a bank book belonging to one of the victims.

Without hesitation he pleaded guilty to all the charges. He had been seen leaving one of the hotels with clothing and was followed by the owner, who handed Scott over to Constable Barnes. Scott maintained that his remembrance of the events which led to his arrest is hazy and blames the whiskey sold along Johnson street for his fall from the pedestal of honor.

Acting Magistrate Prior told the prisoner that he was liable to be sentenced to serve fourteen years' imprisonment on each of the charges, but under the circumstances he was given one year on each, the sentences to run concurrently.

Edward Windsor, a stoke-hole employee, has thrice had the bad luck to be arrested as a vagrant the day before he has obtained work. Last week he pleaded not guilty to vagrancy and complained that work was waiting him on the steamer Lonsdale. His protestations appeared so sincere that he was told to get out and go to work. This morning he was presented before the bench again and entered the same plea that work was waiting him, this time with the Vancouver Island Power Company, and asked the court to send an officer to the company's offices and verify the truth of his statement. The man with the royal name further maintained that the Lonsdale would be his home en route to Mexico from January 15, and that Victoria and he would henceforth be strangers. Had he not been arrested last night he would have been working this morning.

Having in view the fact that Windsor might go to Mexico the magistrate told him to return to-morrow with a letter from the engineer of the boat that he was to be a member of the crew when she sailed. Windsor left for the purpose of getting the required letter, and failing to do so he will be dealt with to-morrow.

The police maintain he does not work, but begs drinks and stays around Johnson street saloons day and night.

NATHANIEL HARVEY ACQUITTED.

Oregon City, Ore., Dec. 27.—Nathaniel B. Harvey, arrested for the alleged murder of four members of the family of William Hill last June, was given his secondary hearing yesterday and acquitted after the testimony of seven witnesses had been heard.

HOUSES IN DEMAND.

Permits Taken Out To-day for Several New Dwellings All Over City.

Building operations continue brisk in the city, and more permits for dwelling houses were taken out this morning at Inspector Northcott's office. Those granted included a six-room house for Mrs. Minnie Herd at a cost of $2500, R. M. Kinney being the architect, and T. H. Trowsdale the contractor; and another structure for Hinton and Hewitt, owners, on the corner of Richardson and Minto streets, James & James being the architects, and Williams, Trerise & Williams the contractors. The building will be of six rooms and will cost $2850. For the same firm a pair of houses on Minto street are to be erected, each costing $2276, and containing six rooms.

A permit has also been taken out for J. L. Punderson, for a house on the corner of Hollywood and Crescent roads, in the rapidly developing district of Hollywood, provision to be made for four rooms, and the structure to cost $3000. These dwelling houses follow on a succession of similar permits, which show that the popularity of Victoria as a city of homes grows with the development of the city.

MAN FACES CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT

Arrested for Complicated Business Actions at Walla Walla and to Be Extradited

Charged with embezzlement alleged to have been committed at Walla Walla, in the State of Washington, an elderly man named Archibald Tiderington, was arrested here last night by Detective Murray who called on Tiderington at his room on Michigan street where he has lived since Sunday when he arrived here from Nanaimo.

The embezzlement charged against Tiderington is that while in business difficulties at Walla Walla where he had been for years in the saddlery business, he collected all the money possible, turned all his property into cash, and at the same time accumulated all the debt he possibly could. His creditors since he left Walla Walla some weeks ago have instituted bankruptcy proceedings against him.

The warrant on which he was arrested is at the instigation of the Mitchell, Lewis & Staver company, of Portland, for whom Tiderington was agent at Walla Walla. The warrant charges him with embezzling $3,000. Before the warrant could be served at Walla Walla he had left and taken in all $15,000 of accumulated funds.

When searched after his arrest last night he was found to have in a wallet $13,292 in Canadian money. He is now using the name of James Croft, declares his innocence of any crime or wrongdoing, and has engaged W. C. Moresby to defend him and will probably fight extradition proceedings. He has been sought for the past month by the Pinkerton detective agency but has been at Cumberland and the northern towns on the island.

Tiderington was not presented before the court this morning as the necessary legal steps for extradition had not been accomplished by the police. The matter is being heard before Judge Lampman this afternoon.

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PRACTISED AMAZING INSURANCE FRAUDS

Remarkable Career of Man With Protean Identities Dies Himself Rich

Writing from St. Petersburg, a Reuter's correspondent states that a man named Poplavsky, the son of a lieutenant, has been arrested for perpetrating a series of the most amazing frauds on insurance companies. His exploits, consisting in the assumption of successive personalities, have attracted the more attention inasmuch as a former bank clerk, named Solovieff, is now laying claim to the authorship of Tolstoy's posthumous play "The Living Corpse," which was recently produced by the Moscow Artistic theatre. Solovieff affirms that he submitted his play to Count Tolstoy in 1888, and that Tolstoy merely made a few immaterial changes of incidents, names, phrases, etc., in his manuscript. Solovieff announces his intention of bringing an action against Tolstoy's daughter and literary executrix, Countess Alexandra Lvovna.

For years Poplavsky has made the role of a "living corpse" his own. The details of his career are almost unprecedented in criminal records. After leaving the Tiflis gymnasium he entered the service of the Vladikavkas railway, and when appointed a stationmaster betrayed his trust by selling six vanloads of goods which passed through his hands. He was found out, however, and arrested. Thanks to his mother's efforts he was released on bail. He showed his gratitude by stealing the documents relating to the family property; and, selling the property by means of forging the necessary signatures, he escaped from the Caucasus.

In 1898 Poplavsky first appeared on the St. Petersburg horizon, and changed his identity by an ingenious device. In the house where he was staying there died a two-year-old boy named Fediunin, the child of a military officer. Poplavsky got possession of the child's baptismal certificate, altered the age 2 to 32, and sending the certificate to the place of issue obtained a new passport on some pretext or other for the supposititious Fediunin, 32 years of age. As Poplavsky he insured his life for £1,500 in the Urban Assurance Company, and as Fediunin for £3,500 in the New York Life Assurance Company. A year later (in 1899) he went to Pskoff with an old schoolfellow who was ill, and whom he inscribed in the local registers as Poplavsky. He himself masqueraded as Fediunin. In a few days "Poplavsky" died, and "Fediunin," armed with the death certificate and other necessary documents, obtained the £1,500 insurance money from the Urban Company. But he had still to obtain the £3,500 from the New York Life Assurance Company. This he succeeded in doing by getting hold of the death certificate of the boy Fediunin, and making a few "alterations" in it.

His position was now this: He was dead in two characters, and had to find a fresh identity. So he went to Narva and posed as M. B. Kunitsky, a timber merchant doing business on a vast scale. Under this name he insured his life for £3,500, and he looked about for a fresh medium of transfiguration. He again had recourse to St. Petersburg, and in one of the municipal hospitals picked up the acquaintance of a man who was dangerously ill, and whom, under pretext of charity, he took with him to Starya Russa. He registered the patient at Kunitsky, and used the sick man's passport for himself. When "Kunitsky" died Poplavsky in due course received the £3,500 insurance money.

Some years elapsed, Poplavsky's funds were exhausted, and he utilized the same ruse as of old—the changing of a child's baptismal certificate—to assume still another identity. He then married a peasant woman named Smirnoff and insured her life for £1,500. Again he went to a hospital and took under his protection one of the female patients whom he proceeded to describe as his wife. The woman died very soon in somewhat mysterious circumstances, and Poplavsky achieved his object. He received the insurance money and was again in funds.

Emboldened by his success he planned another venture of the kind on which he had prospered so long. A few months ago he visited Helsingfors and insured his life for £1,250, subsequently returning to St. Petersburg and making inquiries for a likely invalid with whom to change identities. But by this time the motives of his affected philanthropy had excited the suspicion of the police. A strict watch was kept on his doings, his career was investigated, and in the upshot he was arrested.

He made no attempt to deny his guilt and answered the questions addressed to him in the jauntiest possible manner. When the chief of the detective department asked him what had led him to the paths of crime he replied that no other career was open now-a-days to any decent man.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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R. R. Davidson of Lethbridge, is staying at the Empress hotel.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Haslam of Vancouver, are visiting the city.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. R. McClinton are visiting the city from Vancouver.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Brydges of Winnipeg, are recent arrivals in the city.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Clarke of Edmonton, have arrived in the city on a visit.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hagill of Winnipeg, have arrived at the Empress hotel.

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F. W. Vincent went over to the Terminal City yesterday afternoon on the Princess Charlotte.

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City Solicitor McDiarmid left on the Princess Charlotte yesterday on a brief visit to the mainland.

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C. C. Hoyer Millar and Geoffrey Millar of London, England, are staying at the Empress hotel.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Blackwood of Nelson, and A. T. R. Blackwood of Vancouver, have arrived at the Empress hotel.

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D. C. Tuck of the public works department, New Westminster, returned home yesterday after spending the Christmas season here.

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R. C. Upper of Calgary, and Mrs. Upper, are on a semi-holiday and business trip to Victoria, and are staying at the Dominion hotel.

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Mayor Morley and Mrs. Morley will hold their New Year reception at Bonnievue, Montrose avenue, on Monday next between 3 and 6 p. m.

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Among the visitors who registered at the Dominion hotel last night was J. W. Irwin of New Westminster, who came over on the 6.30 o'clock boat from Vancouver.

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William Stewart, of the Federal Life Insurance Company, reached Victoria last night and will remain at the Dominion hotel for the few days he is here on business.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Crosby of Banff, Alta., are spending their honeymoon in Victoria. Mr. Crosby is associated with the Brewster Transfer Company in the popular resort.

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Frank McNamara, the Vancouver Province special correspondent in this city, leaves for the east to-day, having been called to his home in Walkerton, Ont., by the news of the serious illness of his father.

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Miss Dorothy Davies last evening gave a delightful party to a number of her friends at her flat in Mount Edwards Mansions. Owing to the stormy weather, however, the number was not so large as anticipated, as many were unable to come. The time passed pleasantly in playing games and the presentation of gifts from the Christmas tree.

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G. D. McKay, provincial timber inspector, has returned from a tour of inspection in the interior. He states that the mountain mills are shutting down for the winter earlier than usual. It is expected that the returns from timber royalties, which are payable only when the timber is cut, will this year be the heaviest in the history of the province.

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A number of prairie people arrived in Victoria yesterday in a party to spend the winter here, and are stopping at the Dominion hotel. They are J. and Mrs. Strachan and George M. Strahan of Pope, Man.; Francis and Mrs. Lieth and Wand L. Lieth, and M. and Mrs. McConnell of Saskatoon; R. E. and Mrs. Montieth of Balcarres, Sask.; J. G. Miller and family, and R. H. Miller and family, H. K. Miller, T. Walton and W. Croft of Lumsden, Sask.

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E. O. S. Scholefield, provincial librarian and archivist, has returned from Portland and San Francisco. In the former city he addressed the Oregon State Historical Society, and as a result of his words the society adopted a resolution favoring co-operation between all the historical societies of the Pacific coast. Mr. Scholefield went to San Francisco to confer with Professor Taggart, curator of the University of California library, and examine books and charts recently added to the university collection. He also spent what time he could looking through the private collections of the late George Davidson and of A. S. Macdonald, Oakland.

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The Evening Chit-Chat

By Ruth Cameron

In the city of Boston, a few weeks ago, a happy wedding party ended abruptly in a funeral—nay more, two funerals.

The automobile, in which six of the guests were pursuing the bridal couple, who were fleeing in another car, turned turtle. Two women were killed instantly. The little bridesmaid died with the bouquet which she had held during the ceremony in one hand, and in the other the confetti, with which she had planned to shower the bride and groom. A third woman was so badly injured about the spinal column that she may die or, worse still, may live crippled for life.



Not so very long ago in another city, the horses of the bridal carriage were frightened by the throwing of old shoes, and the bride was thrown out against a tree and instantly killed.

These are two of the more striking and terrible casualties resulting from our pleasant way of celebrating the knotting of the nuptial tie, but every city in this country annually furnishes to the news columns its quota of similar, though lesser accidents.

Truly one is tempted to cry out with the prophet, "How long, O Lord?"

Now I am not one of the reactionaries who thinks that because of these terrible things, all jollification at weddings should cease.

On the contrary, it seems to me that there is nothing prettier or more desirable than the truly sweet and pretty wedding customs.

I love to go to a wedding where the bride carries out all the jolly little usages that make for harmless fun.

I think there is nothing more pleasantly deadly to disagreeable stiffness and formality, than the jolly custom of having a bride cake to be cut by the bride and containng the time honored symbols of thimble, ring and dime.

I think there is no prettier picture than the bride makes, when half way up the stairs she pauses and throws her shower bouquet to the many-colored group below, itself a living bouquet.

And if the housemates do not object to the task of cleaning up afterwards, I do not see any possible harm in the shower of confetti with which the descending couple is gretted, and surely it makes a hilarous and gorgeous setting for the happy departure.

But when the couple go out of the door of the home, I think that right there the jollification should stop and stop short.

Would it be possible to make young people stop like this right at the height of their excitement and merry making, you question?

I think so.

Simply let the father and mother circulate the word among the young folks in the early evening, that while all reasonable demonstration inside the house will be welcomed, once the couple have passed through the front door, they are to be considered as on their own territory.

Let the front door, and not the railroad station, the hotel, or any point at which the couple succeed in eluding pursuit, be considered as the point at which demonstrations shall completely cease, and I'm sure our newspapers will no longer be giving us tragic stories, such as that which was recently published in Boston, supposedly the city of progress and the home of intellect and reason.

Ruth Cameron

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Local Women in the Public Eye



MRS. JENKINS
Chairman of Finance Committee of School Board.

Mrs. Jenkins, who is at the present time an active member of the school board, was born in Neath, Wales, and has been interested in teaching and educational institutions all her life. After going through the public schools of her native town, she qualified as a teacher, and for a short time taught there. While still a young girl, however, she sailed for South America, there again taking up the profession which she had chosen by starting a private school in Kokimbo. It was while teaching there that she met and married Mr. Fox, for a short time continuing her work, but ultimately dropping it altogether during his life. After his death, however, she resumed her old occupation, and once more—after a residence of fifteen years in that far-off country—married, this time Mr. David Jenkins, with whom she came to Victoria about twenty-five years ago.

Mrs. Jenkins, in addition to her other scholarly gifts, is a master of the Spanish language, and, moreover, is still registered as a teacher in South America.

For the last twenty-two years she has been active in the work of the Good Templars organization, having at one time been an officer of the grand lodge and superintendent of the Good Templar juvenile work. She was present twenty-two years ago when the Esquimalt branch of the organization was formed, and yesterday once more attended at the annual meeting—truly a pioneer in this big work which is spreading its branches every day to all parts of the world.

At the organization of the W. C. T. U. in the province about twenty years ago she was one of the officers appointed to carry on the work. For many years she was an active worker in this society, but seven years ago gradually withdrew from active association with the body, although she still retains a keen interest in the work.

For fifteen years she has been associated with the Local Council of Women, succeeding Mrs. Gordon Grant as recording secretary of that body, which position she held until a few months ago, when Mrs. Bromley-Jubb temporarily assumed the office.

In church work Mrs. Jenkins has been prominent as a worker, and for the past seven years has held the presidency of the Ladies' Guild of the Metropolitan church.

As president of the Welsh society she has found another field of work which has given an outlet for the expression of her loyalty to her Mother Country; in this society she still holds the office to which she was elected many years ago.

Mrs. Jenkins' ability, without doubt, lies along the lines of finance, and she combines her genius in this capacity with her professional experience by holding the office of chairman of the finance committee on the board of school trustees—an office which probably at the present time absorbs most of the otherwise leisure moments of this very busy and public-spirited woman; as long ago as 1897 she was on the board; she was re-elected in 1902; was second on the poll in 1904; third in 1906, and again second in 1910.

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UNCLE SAM'S SANTA CLAUS BUREAU

UNCLE SAM has a bureau run by Santa Claus and one hundred and fifty employees who desire to preserve youthful faith in the patron saint of Yuletide. It is an institution in whose recesses are shown thousands of relics of real life, romance, comedy and tragedy. It contains millions of mementoes of Christmas disappointments, and is concerned in most of our doings the week before Christmas.

There is a whole corps of workers for whom St. Nicholas is responsible, and they are employed in the dead letter office in Washington. The childhood worship of Santa Claus, that jolly old elf, gives the workers their wages, for Uncle Sam has been shown the necessity of the bureau. Postal officials have frequently recommended that mail matter, whatsoever kind it may be, contain the name and address of the sender, in order that it may be returned. If this was followed out, the return of a piece of mail would be as strict a requisite as the official stamp stuck in the corner. If there were such a regulation it would eliminate the necessity of the dead letter office in Washington.

During the week before Christmas thousands and thousands of relatives, working in the guise of Santa Claus, create the pleasing illusion that Santa Claus will mail tons and tons of presents to hundreds of thousands of children. And at this point the children get busy and even those to whom a pen is a novel instrument scrawl letters to him. About twenty thousand children—an estimate being made on former years—are now dropping into the mail boxes letters addressed to "Santa Claus," "Kris Kringle," and "St. Nicholas."

There is a law requiring that all mail matter be returned to the sender when practicable, in case the address cannot be located. But this has not been followed out in the past few years regarding these "Santa Claus letters." It has been decided unwise to enforce the rule, simply because the hopeful little letter-writers would have their most cherished idol shattered before their eyes by a rubber stamp reading as follows: "Addressee Not Found."

So the letters are not sent back, and twenty thousand little expectant children are spared cruel disillusion. The dead letter office, because it receives all these letters, is sometimes called the "Santa Claus bureau." The annual grist of Santa Claus letters reveals the varied notions of children. They imagine all sorts of places as the abode of their favorite. Some of the letters are addressed to "Heaven," while others predict the destination as "Ice Town," "Iceland," "Greenland," "Snowland," and "Snow Hill." Some missives are even addressed to the "North Pole," while others give the impression that Santa has taken up winter quarters at the "South Pole."

Many of the letters received at the dead letter office are from poor children, and this fact moved some philanthropic women to a worthy charity about four years ago. They petitioned the Postmaster General to have all Santa Claus letters turned over to committees which they proposed to organize for the purpose of answering all worthy appeals whose sources could be traced. The petition was complied with and the order was made general.

During two Christmas periods the dead letter office was instructed to turn letters over to any regularly organized charitable society in the town or city of the addressee. But bitter jealousies arose over the handling of the letters among some of the charitable organizations, and the idea was abandoned.

But then the old trouble arose: thousands of Santa Claus letters clogged the dead letter departments of the city postoffices. Now, however, Postmaster General Hitchcock has decided to try the scheme once more. He has instructed that the letters be turned over to charitably inclined persons by the postmasters of the towns in which they were mailed. In that way, he hopes to help the really needy children. The problem is even greater than before, and until some person comes forward with a more satisfactory idea, the letters may go to the various charitable organizations of the cities and villages.

Thirteen million undelivered parcels, letters, Christmas cards and other post cards now come into the Santa Claus bureau each year, and this measures to a degree the careless spirit of the patrons of the mails. One quarter of these probably represent the annual stock of Christmas disappointments.

Handy Boxes for the Kitchen.

ORDINARY wooden boxes can be turned into many useful articles for the kitchen. For example, two condensed-milk boxes can be made into a wall cabinet holding jars containing spices, sugar, salt and dry groceries. Remove the lids and nail the boxes together, allowing their sides to touch. In this way a cabinet with one shelf is formed.

Another shelf can be added by fitting in a piece of the lid half way between the top and center of the box. The wood can be smoothed off with sandpaper, painted white, or some pretty light color, and attached to the wall by nails driven into a convenient spot.

By removing the two sides of a soap-box and setting them in the box itself, two and one-half inches from the top and bottom, a well proportioned rack can be made for holding such small articles as the clock, cook books, matches, etc. In the same way a rack for the kitchen knives, forks and spoons can be made.

The top shelf should be pierced with a row of small holes two inches apart the length of the shelf, and the edge of it notched with little square slots one-quarter of an inch wide. A window-glass box can be made into a rack for sauce pans and covers.

Union Bank of Canada

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Forty-Seventh Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Union Bank of Canada was held at the Banking House in Quebec, on Monday, December 18th, 1911.

There were present:—Hon. John Sharples, Wm. Price, R. T. Riley, E. J. Hale, W. Shaw, S. Barker, M. P.; E. E. A. DuVernet, K. C.; G. P. Reid, M. Bull, G. H. Thomson, Right Revd. John Grisdale, Stephen Haas, A. E. Scott, H. Veasey, Col. J. F. Turnbull, F. M. Duggan, John Shaw, A. Veasey, E. E. Code, H. E. Price, A. J. Price, Capt. W. H. Carter, T. C. Aylwin, John Hamilton, A. S. Jarvis, G. H. Balfour, H. B. Shaw, Lt.-Col. G. E. Allen Jones, R. Harcourt Smith, Achille Dussault, H. E. Dupre, N. G. Nirouac.

The President, the Hon. John Sharples, having taken the chair, Mr. H. Veasey was appointed to act as Secretary to the Meeting, and Messrs. John Shaw and A. E. Scott were appointed Scrutineers.

The Chairman read the Annual Report of the Directors as follows:—

The Directors beg to present to the Shareholders the following Statement of the result of business for the year ending November 30th, 1911, together with a Statement of the Assets and Liabilities of the Bank.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Balance at credit of account, November 30th, 1910		$ 80,486.43
Net profits for the year, after deducting expenses of management, interest due depositors, reserving for interest and exchange, and making provision for bad and doubtful debts, and for rebate on bills under discount, have amounted to		662,437.04
(being 14 per cent. on the average paid up capital during the year).		
Premium on New Stock		457,060.00
		$1,199,983.47
Which has been applied as follows:		
Dividend No. 96, quarterly, 2 per cent.		$ 80,000.00
" No. 97, quarterly, 2 per cent.		89,211.85
" No. 98, quarterly, 2 per cent.		93,516.09
" No. 99, quarterly, 2 per cent.		98,220.20
Transferred to Rest Account	$200,000.00	
" " " Premium on new stock	457,060.00	657,060.00
Written off Bank Premises Account		100,000.00
Contribution to Officers' Pension Fund		10,000.00
Balance of Profits carried forward		71,975.33
		$1,199,983.47

GENERAL STATEMENT

LIABILITIES.

Notes of the Bank in circulation		$ 4,490,963.00
Deposits not bearing interest	$13,866,530.08	
Deposits bearing interest	31,365,930.72	
		45,232,460.80
Balances due to other Banks in Canada		234,667.61
Balances due to Agencies of the Bank and to other Banks in Foreign Countries		194,710.80
Total Liabilities to the public		$50,152,802.21
Capital paid up		4,914,120.00
Rest Account		3,057,060.00
Reserved for Rebate of Interest on Bills Discounted		138,215.05
Dividend No. 99		98,220.20
Dividends Unclaimed		2,429.53
Balance of Profit and Loss Account carried forward		71,975.33
		$58,434,822.32

ASSETS.

Gold and Silver Coin	$ 630,273.02	
Dominion Government Notes	5,305,276.00	
		$ 5,935,549.02
Deposit with Dominion Government for security of Note circulation		190,000.00
Notes of and cheques on other Banks		3,030,197.11
Balances due from other Banks in Canada		276,463.97
Balances due from Agents in United States		372,568.25
Balances due from Agents in the United Kingdom		64,971.11
Government, Municipal, Railway and other Debentures and Stocks		2,607,732.72
Call and Short Loans on Stocks and Bonds		6,379,925.67
		$18,857,287.85
Other Loans and Bills Discounted Current		38,010,497.51
Overdue Debts (estimated loss provided for)		69,766.96
Real Estate other than Bank Premises		181,265.00
Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the Bank		25,776.95
Bank Premises and Furniture		1,211,453.69
Other Assets		78,774.36
		$58,434,822.32

G. H. BALFOUR, General Manager.

During the past year twenty-four branches and agencies of the Bank have been opened in the following provinces: New Brunswick, 1; Quebec, 2; Ontario, 9; Saskatchewan, 5; Alberta, 2; British Columbia, 4; England, 1.

Two branches in Alberta and one branch in Ontario, which proved unproductive, have been closed. The total number of branches is now 242.

During the year the capital of the Bank has been increased from $4,000,000 to $4,914,120. The premium arising from the disposal of new stock has been credited to the Rest Account.

The customary inspections of the head office and of all branches and agencies of the Bank have been made.

Quebec, December 18, 1911.

JOHN SHARPLES, President.

Before moving the adoption of the report, the President addressed the Meeting, giving the Shareholders further particulars as to the increase of paid up capital by $914,120. Increase in number of Shareholders by 415, making a total of over 2,675. Mentioning specially the absorption of the United Empire Bank of Canada on April 1, which added twenty branches in the richest portion of Ontario, where this Bank was previously unrepresented. He also spoke in regard to the proposed removal of the head office from Quebec to Winnipeg, as recommended by the Directors, after considering the matter for two years, and which was to be voted on by the Shareholders later. Mr. Sharples, commenting on the hearty support which he had at all times received from the Board of Directors and the Executive Officers of the Bank, stated that the condition of his health would not permit of his continuing to discharge the important duties of President of the Bank after its removal to Winnipeg.

Another important event had been the opening of a branch in London, England, which was undertaken after the most careful consideration of the Board, and the personal visit to London by the General Manager and the Assistant General Manager. Mr. F. W. Ashe, formerly Eastern Superintendent, was appointed manager of this branch, and the results to date have exceeded expectations.

It was then moved by the Hon. John Sharples, and seconded by Mr. William Price, M. P., that the Report of the Directors, now read, be adopted and printed for distribution among the Shareholders. Carried.

The General Manager addressed the meeting, referring particularly to the figures as shown by the Balance Sheet, and giving additional details as to the policy of the Bank in various matters of interest to the Shareholders, mentioning in particular the opening of twenty-four additional branches during the year, making a total of 242, as follows:—

New Brunswick	1
Nova Scotia	1
Ontario	76
Quebec	7
Manitoba	39
Saskatchewan	67
Alberta	39
British Columbia	11
London, England	1

Mr. Balfour expressed his regret at the decision of the Hon. John Sharples to retire from his duties as President at a future date, and said that he was voicing the feeling of the Directors, Shareholders and Officials, in expressing the hope that he would long be spared to exert that keen interest in the Institution which he has displayed during the past seventeen years as Director, Vice-President, and President of the Bank.

After the adoption of the Report, Mr. R. T. Riley, in a short address, stated that it was the wish of the Directors that when Mr. Sharples finds it necessary to retire from the Presidency of the Bank that he be tendered the position of Honorary President. He also spoke specially in reference to the Western Division, in which there are now 155 Branches with a staff of 755.

Mr. Samuel Barker, M. P., of Hamilton, also addressed the meeting, congratulating the Shareholders on the Report presented to the meeting, thanking the President and Directors, the General Manager and other Officers of the Bank for their efforts on its behalf, and expressing his approval of the proposed removal of the Head Office to Winnipeg.

At the request of the President, the Secretary then read the draft bill, now before the House of Commons, for the purpose of amending the Bank's charter, and moving the Head Office of the Bank from Quebec to Winnipeg.

It was then moved by Mr. William Price, seconded by Col. J. F. Turnbull, and unanimously resolved that the action of the Directors in applying for the foregoing amendment to the Bank's charter be and hereby is approved.

Moved by Mr. R. T. Riley, seconded by Mr. E. E. A. DuVernet: "That the Meeting now proceed to the election of Directors for the ensuing year, and that the ballot box for the receipt of votes be kept open until a quarter past four o'clock, or until five minutes have elapsed without a vote being offered, during which time proceedings be suspended." Carried.

The Scrutineers appointed at the Meeting reported the following gentlemen duly elected as Directors for the ensuing year: Hon. John Sharples, Messrs. Wm. Price, E. J. Hale, Wm. Shaw, George H. Thomson, R. T. Riley, E. L. Drewry, W. R. Allan, F. E. Konaston, John Galt, M. Bull, Samuel Barker, M.P.; E. E. A. DuVernet, K.C.; George P. Reid, and Stephen Haas.

At a subsequent meeting of the newly-elected Board the Hon. John Sharples was elected President, and Mr. Wm. Price, Vice-President.

LINING UP FOR THE COMING FRAY

THREE ALDERMEN ARE OUT OF FIGHT

Alderman H. M. Fullerton Announces His Retirement—One in Field for Ward 4

The municipal campaign will not commence seriously until after Monday next, as the desire is that the holidays shall be enjoyed without the presence of controversy.

The mayor's report is in course of preparation, and will be ready for the meeting next Tuesday, after which he will commence his campaign for re-election to the mayoralty. Mr. Beckwith's name is still the only one mentioned in opposition.

Owing to the pressure of business engagements which he has been compelled to neglect in the past year in consequence of municipal work, Herbert M. Fullerton, alderman for Ward 4, will not be a candidate for re-election in January. Ald. Fullerton says that the aldermanic duties, while being of a most engrossing character, demand too much time from an active business man, and also interfere with the home life to a great extent, so that for both reasons he has decided to retire for the present from municipal politics.

This means that both sitting representatives of Ward 4 will retire, Alderman Moresby having already indicated his intention not to run again. The other alderman who will not seek election is Alderman Ross in Ward 1. For the two seats in Ward 1, Alderman Okell and Robert Beard and Frederick Popham are in the field, while in Ward 2, so far no opposition has manifested itself towards the sitting members, Aldermen Bishop and Humber. In Ward 3 Aldermen W. F. Fullerton and Gleason will again be candidates, and here a labor man is likely to be brought out, as may be also the case in Ward 2. The unions consider themselves strong in both wards, which cover a large section of the smaller homes of the city, and have approached several men already with a view to them taking the field. J. H. Baker is the only candidate in Ward 4. In Ward 5 rumor has it that Alderman Langley is not anxious to continue, but so far he has not authorized any statement of his intentions. Alderman Peden and John Dilworth, with whom he tied at the special election in April, are in the field in this ward so far.

Five candidates are out for the four seats on the school board, George Jay, Capt. McIntosh, P. J. Riddell and G. D. Christie, of the retiring members, and Dr. G. A. B. Hall. The labor men are particularly anxious to nominate a direct representative of themselves, but up to the present cannot find a bona fide working man with the time to spare.

In accordance with the instructions given the returning officer at a recent meeting, Mr. Northcott has been busy arranging for the polls to be taken in each of the wards, instead of in a central position, and has been able to arrange for three of the places named in the resolution, as follows: Ward 1, W. C. T. U. Mission, Store street; Ward 2, public market building, Cormorant street, and Ward 5, the drill hall. In Ward 3 the A. O. U. W. hall was suggested, but the poll will take place at the Everett garrage, 931 View street, and for Ward 4, instead of the Jameson building Broughton street, the old Cusack building on Courtney street will be the scene of the poll. A resolution of the council will be necessary to approve of these changes.

CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY.

Good Templars Enjoy Programme at Esquimalt Yesterday.

Yesterday evening the Good Templars met in the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Esquimalt, under the auspices of the Conqueror Juvenile Temple, and celebrated the twenty-second anniversary of this branch of the organization.

Mr. Booth, grand superintendent of the juvenile work for the province, took the chair, and Mrs. Margaret Jenkins, who organized the Esquimalt branch, gave an address in which she summarized the work accomplished by the society.

The entertainment opened by the serving of refreshments to the children at 6.30, this being in the hands of Mesdames Siller and Parkinson.

The programme, which commenced at 8 o'clock, was as follows: Opening ode, "Jesus High in Glory," which was sung by all the children; chairman's address; carol, "Good King Wenceslas," sung by the Juvenile Temple; recitation, "A Child Thought," Louis Vincent; recitation, "Has Dad Come Home?" Willie Young; Japanese Song, Katie Parkinson; song, "'Tis Our Festal Day," by the Juvenile Templars; recitation, "Her Name," Lily Hodgson; recitation, "The Nightingale and Glowworm," Katie Parkinson; song, "Where the River Shannon Flows," Jean Doble; selections on concertina by Willie Hodgson; one-act fairy play entitled "The Grumblers," in which Jessie Simpson, Hilda Parkinson, Lily Hodgson, Hazel Dods, Edith Driver, Esther Oliver and Jean Doble took part; recitation, "A Wild Bird's Song," Doris Vincent; round, "Three Blind Mice," done by six girls; recitation, "A Christmas Carol," Esther Driver; recitation, "Nellie's Victory," Hilda Parkinson; chorus by the juveniles, "O Merry It Is at Close of Day"; and sung by all, the closing ode, "Heavenly Father, Ere We Part."

The programme was much enjoyed by every one present, and showed great care in the preparation, Mr. and Mrs. Hicks helping the children with the musical numbers, Mrs. Siller (the local superintendent) with the recitations, and Mr. Booth with the fairy drill.

The adult branch will hold their social next Wednesday night in the hall, when it is hoped that a good audience will turn up.

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SETS CONSECRATION DATE.

Bishop-Elect Roper Will Be Installed on February 24.

The date for the consecration of Rev. John C. Roper, D.D., as bishop of the diocese of British Columbia has been set by the Archbishop of Rupertsland, primate of Canada, for Saturday, February 24, the feast of St. Matthias, and the ceremony will take place in Christ Church cathedral. An intimation to this effect has been sent to the Very Rev. the Dean of Columbia, administrator of the diocese during the vacancy.

His Grace Archbishop Matheson hopes to be able to officiate at the ceremony himself, but if he is detained in Toronto, where he has to go about that time on important church business, as is not improbable, he will delegate the duty to one of the senior bishops of the church in the east. Dr. Roper is expected to reach Victoria about the middle of February.

Tramcar and 'bus drivers in Paris are forbidden to smoke when on duty.

PISTOL DUEL.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 27.—Detectives A. N. Mayou and Keene, engaged in a pistol duel with one of a gang of three suspects in a room at 710 Columbia street last night. The men escaped, but the detectives think he is wounded. Two of the men, booked as Frank Warren and Paul Starke, were arrested early last night. Mayou and Keene went to search the room they occupied and while doing this, the third man of the trio made his appearance and was pulled into the room by the detectives. While Detective Keene was examining a suitcase for stolen articles, the man shoved an automatic revolver in his face and started toward the door. Keene called out to Mayou to get him. Mayou ducked and pulled his revolver. Shots from both guns sounded as one as the detective and the stranger began shooting. The man reached the door and throwing the bolt escaped. Two shots were exchanged after he reached the alley. Mayou followed him to the alley and street but lost trace of him as he ran toward Yesler Way.

Persons in the neighborhood say the man was running fast and was limping, indicating that he had been shot. The room occupied by the three men was literally a second-hand store of stolen goods.

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In answer to the inquiries which have reached us, asking for a basis of comparison between the price at which water will be supplied by this company and the cost of obtaining water from Elk Lake we would direct public attention to the following facts:

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We also direct attention to our detailed advertisement appearing on PAGE THIRTEEN of this issue

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FURTHER COMMENT ON CO.'S CHALLENGE

Opinion in City Hall on Advertisement of Esquimalt Waterworks

The advertisement of the Esquimalt waterworks company in The Times, to which reference was made yesterday, will receive an official rejoinder in a communication which the water commissioner will forward to the city council on Friday night at the next meeting.

The figures contained in the manifesto have surprised the civic officials and objection is taken by them to the foundation upon which they are built up. These figures assume a basis of 5 per cent, being interest and discount on $1,760,000, as the total amount of the contract, although Consulting Engineer Meredith's toltals are $1,509,223 and $1,592,874, according to the class of pipe used. They point out that 4 per cent should be the figure, making a difference of $17,000, and similarly there is a margin of $2,000 as the interest and discount on $200,000, being the cost of the land purchased for right-of-way. The sum at which the contract is let will enable the city to meet both the cost of expropriaton and the outlay of construction out of the by-law of a million and a half to be submitted in January. The cost of maintenance is set down at $24,000 for the system from Sooke Lake to the city limits, which the commissioner figures is more likely to be $4,000. Instead of $119,000, the total annual cost thus falls to $80,000. Taking the company's own multiple of 17 for two years' construction and fifteen years of operation, the cost is reduced to $1,360,000, or a figure which closely approximates to the cost of the Westholme Lumber Company's contract, plus the expropriations for right-of-way.

Two other features are commented upon, one being the fact that the sinking fund is placed in one case of the Esquimalt Waterworks' statement at $50,000, and the other at $40,000, the lower of which, in the opinion of the commissioner, is away above the actual figures. The other feature is that much is made of loss of interest during construction. The interest on the first year will probably be due on half a million, and upon one million dollars in the following year. The Elk lake system must be maintained whether the city goes to Sooke or expropriates the holdings of the company concerned. The annual tax loss of $100,000 is denied on an analysis of the figures, while objection is taken to the point of "Cost of difficulties of construction discoverable only by actual work," which no one can be certain about till the actual work is done. Again, it is pointed out that if the city purchased water from the Esquimalt Waterworks Company at the figure stated, of $50,000 a year, in thirty years they would have paid in rental the cost of the Sooke Lake scheme, and still not have the slightest claim on the proprietorship of the plant. The above are points which occur on a cursory examination of the advertisement by the city officials, quite apart from the merits of a case for coming to an arrangement with the company with a view to expropriation of the Esquimalt Waterworks undertakings.

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OUR LETTER BOX

THE NE TEMERE DECREE.

To the Editor:—Father Comeau's statement on this subject in your issue of yesterday, if he is correctly reported, is lamentably inaccurrate. In the first place, it is not true that the Catholic party to a marriage before a Protestant minister forsakes the Catholic doctrine. It is not at all a question of doctrine, but of discipline. The church indeed is strongly opposed to mixed marriages. And she regards them as invalid if entered into otherwise than before a priest and two witnesses. But suppose the Catholic party to such a marriage afterwards repents and wishes to resume the practice of his or her religion. The church, far from seeking to break up the marriage relation, will do everything in her power to cement it. First she will try to get the parties to renew their consent privately before a priest and two witnesses. Failing this, provided they are willing to continue the marriage relation, the priest should consult his bishop, who will procure a faculty from the Holy See to validate the marriage by a dispensation in radice, as it is called. If, however, the Catholic party should not wish to continue the marriage relation, then he or she could never be married again by a priest, at least in the diocese of Victoria, without first obtaining a divorce in the civil court. No such secret marriage as Father Comeau is reported as suggesting will ever be performed with my consent in this diocese. And I am satisfied that it would not be tolerated in any diocese, for it would result in a scandalous and impossible condition of things, that of two persons living together as married when no proof of their marriage could be given to the world.

ALEX. MacDONALD,
Bishop of Victoria.

PAVEMENT INSPECTION.

Letter 2.

To the Editor—The at one time chief inspector over the Mineral Rubber Company is no longer in the employ of the corporation. The question is being asked, "Why?" Mr. McEachern has never hesitated to give his reasons for not succeeding in retaining his former position, and when urged to make public the true state of affairs he takes the ground that when occupying the various responsible positions he used his best judgment in the interest of the ratepayers, whose interests he fully realized were in his hands. He endeavored to safeguard them, but, having failed, he can see no wise course to follow other than to step down and out, unless the citizens themselves will take at least some direct interest in their own public affairs.

The writer has himself felt the iron heel, and if no one else will take this matter up it must be opened out. Letter 1 points out the open door to imperfect street paving and glaringly connived at in the instructions to inspectors from the engineering department. It is purposed herein to submit the proof by the city engineer himself of what said instructions not only foreshadow, but determine.

In his reply to certain charges the city engineer states, as per page ten of the Colonist of October 21st, that the contract of Quadra street pavement calls for the heavy asphalt, but that the contractor had succeeded in laying three blocks with a lighter base when his attention was called to the fact. He stopped the work, had the pavement opened up along the street in the presence of the city solicitor and the contractors, and in the presence of those gentlemen he gave instructions to lay no more four inch concrete on that street, but to lay the balance five inches thick.

Had it not been for the fact that the chief inspector—this same McEachern—who came on after this work had been done and on passing observed what was being done, gave prompt notice of the same at the city hall, what in all human probability would have happened? What was the engineering staff doing when this man—whom Alderman Moresby in open council called an incompetent—detected on sight while passing what the inspectors living on the job were allowing to go unchallenged. Look over letter No. 1 again and see where the root of the matter lies. Not with the inspectors, who well know that what they refuse to do others will do. The engineer does not state where the responsibility rested or what he did with the inspectors? There were two on the job. Do the citizens in general and property owners along Quadra street in particular not owe Mr. McEachern at least a kind word?

Again; the same thing occured on beautiful Yates street, as will be seen in the same issue of the Colonist, page eleven, where the engineer explains that he examined Yates street during its construction and discovered that the contractor was not laying the proper thickness, but whether it was the waterworks men who discovered it while cutting through the concrete and reported it or as stated by the engineer, we let that go. He tells us that he immediately stopped the work, procured another inspector and from that time on he believes the city has been getting full measure in regard to concrete base. Was one of the inspectors on Yates street not one of the two who were supposed to have been inspecting on the Quadra street three blocks in question? Was he discharged or simply removed to another street? Was he not inspector on the soft work on Fort street that tore up with the car wheels? Was it not the persistent efforts of this same McEachern that subsequently caused the removal of this same inspector from Vancouver street for cause? Was that same inspector not continued in the capacity of an inspector in the employ of the city under the engineer and, is he not still in the employ of the engineer in that capacity at $5 per day?

I am not after my friend, who is a sober man and an old time acquaintance and a good customer of mine in days gone by, and it is hard to have to appear to be seeking his downfall, which I am not desiring to do.

Read again letter No. 1 and see what this "full measure in regard to concrete base" means to the city. If this thing is being done on the grade where it remains open for detection by any one cutting a hole through the concrete, what must be expected from the mix end, where only the ended life of the work will tell the tale, and where the material interest of the inspector is to close his eyes and not "to cause trouble unnecessarily," which is the only acceptable reason given by the engineer for the removal of Mr. McEachern? The "instructions to inspectors" referred to open the way to even greater violations of contract than the two cases mentioned, both of which were made known in spite of the handicapped inspectors and not by virtue of them.

The Mineral Rubber Company complained of their being held down to their contract while the other company was not being so held down, and they only asked that the other company be brought under the same chief inspector who was over their own company work, and who was none other than Mr. McEachern. The request of the Canadian Mineral Rubber company was complied with by virtue of the substantial grounds presented and in the presence of representatives of the company, the city engineer, the mayor, the chairman of the streets committee, Alderman Gleason, and Mr. McEachern. Could a greater compliment be paid to any man as an inspector of such work? Now note what happened. The Worswick Paving Company was not so brought under the supervision of Mr. McEachern, but instead he was removed to the creosote plant a few days later, and when brought back on the pavements was instructed not to interfere with any of the other inspectors, not even those over the Mineral Rubber Company, as he had been doing heretofore. Is comment necessary here?

Later on Mr. Eachern was entirely removed from the employ of the city and the grounds given for such removal are to be found in the Colonist of October 21st, page eleven, as stated by the city engineer. "Mr. McEachern was removed from the inspection of the concrete partly because the mayor in the presence of two representatives of the Paving Company stated that he did not consider him qualified to inspect that class of work. While I believe Mr. McEachern would carry out instructions, I have felt he was apt to create trouble unnecessarily."

Let every reader apply his euclid to the above stated charge against an inspector who did no greater wrong than to remain steadfast in his integrity on behalf of the ratepayers, who could not themselves attend to this their business on their own behalf. When it is considered that Mr. Eachern is the one inspector standing out above all others as a supporter of the mayor, can it be possible that the mayor would single out and seek the discharge of that one inspector against whom the engineer himself has not suggested the shadow of a charge as to incapacity?

Does the engineer himself not brand the character of his own statement when he states that he acted partly on the statement by the mayor and further on ignores said statement by stating that McEachern, he believed, would carry out instructions, which strips the charge to the bold statement: "I have felt he was apt to create trouble unnecessarily."

In the face of the highest compliment that could be paid to an inspector from a ratepayer's point of view, does the engineer not confess his own disability when he accepts the alleged statement of the mayor as against his own expressed opinion as constituted grounds on which to discharge the inspector in question, why did he not reinstate the man after the mayor had publicly denied the reason given by the engineer for the removal of said inspector?

To apply this reason given for the discharge of one inspector, are we to understand that the inspectors on Quadra street were not discharged for the reason that they were not creating trouble unnecessarily for the paving Company? They certainly did create trouble for the engineer, the city solicitor and loss of time to the men during the stoppage of the work, besides giving the street three blocks of insufficient pavement base, but that don't count. Was one of those same inspectors again carrying out instructions on the scamped work on Yates street, and which the engineer states was discovered by himself? And was it for that reason he was not discharged? The "instructions to inspectors" go far to show that these men were so acting and the every act of the engineer discovers itself to those who want to see.

Do the ratepayers want a mayor or even one city councillor who can harmonize with such a state of affairs? It is up to you.

W. J. LEDINGHAM.

WOMAN'S CROWN.

To the Editor:—Christmas, Santa Claus and Mrs. Pankhurst have all passed by, and will be welcome again in 1912, if as harmless and amusing here as they have been in this year of grace 1911. I wish now only to refer to the "passing" of Mrs. Pankhurst and her show. That lady at a crowded meeting in Victoria, in reply to two questions from the audience, relative to the outrageous, premeditated assault by a male Suffragist (one of her allies) upon the Chancellor of the Exchequer with a "brass bound box," replied, with apparent indifference, "Gentlemen must settle these points of honor between themselves." I have no doubt she would have expressed herself in the same way if she had been present when the "gentleman" nearly killed Mr. Lloyd George. This prevarication, she seemed to think, was a sufficiently womanly reply to the two questions, viz., "Did the Suffrage leaders approve of the assault?" and "Was the man justified in committing it?"

Speaking of the stones thrown through windows in London, Mrs. Pankhurst told her audience, "They were not thrown by Suffragist women as men throw them." But they broke windows, and she omitted to mention the real reason why women do not throw stones like men is the simple fact that there is a difference (which I am unable to explain in detail) between the anatomy of the male and female shoulder. Only for this merciful provision of Providence we might yet have a hot time in Victoria, following on the trail of passing female agitators, and local followers, if any.

We are told a "woman's pride is in her hair," of which we have had the benefit of an object lesson in the up-to-date coiffure of Mrs. Pankhurst. But the still greater pride of every good woman and lady should be in her crown of modesty and delicacy (so conspicuously absent from Suffragist women when on "active service' in London), the abrogation of which is absolutely inexcusable under any circumstances whatsoever, an abyss from which a lady, a woman, a female (take your choice), should instinctively recoil with horror and disgust.

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TRADE ROUTES AND THE FUTURE OF VICTORIA

Much has been lately written of the geographical position of Victoria and the advantages which that position ensures, but attention does not yet seem to have been directed to the remarkable parallel which the events of the fifteenth and twentieth centuries appear destined to draw and to the vista of wonderful possibilities which opens out as that parallel is followed.

In order to ascertain the causes which give rise to the commercial greatness of countries and cities, it is necessary to dwell shortly on the great trade routes of the world: for it is on the banks, as it were, of the streams along which flows the world's traffic that the great nodal points of commerce arise, ever shifting in accordance with the extreme mutability of trade.

The organ of the great commerce of the world was the traffic between Europe and the Indies. Far away back in the middle ages and beyond, Europe was a large purchaser of the silks and spices of the Orient: the trade was carried on through the deserts from India and the oases of Arabia to the valley of the Nile and Syrian coast; it came out upon the Mediterranean at the great terminal ports of ancient times, Tyre and Sidon; a little later Antioch and Alexandria; later still Aleppo and Beyrout.

The first trade centres originated in the oases within the desert belt, as nodes in the main trade routes; such were Damascus, Babylon, Ninevet and Palmyra. These were all centres in which trade was handled, and when trade is handled, those who handle it manage usually to attach a little of the profit to themselves.

For many hundreds of years the traffic of the world was organized on the same lines; the organizing centres gradually shifted westward, Babylon and Ninevet giving place to Alexandria and Antioch, and Tyre and Sidon yielding their position to Constantinople, and all again supplanted by Venice and Genoa. But it was in the main a land-born traffic, with short coastal ferries through the Mediterranean.

In the twelfth century the position of Florence was an anomaly; the great distributing centre should also be the great mart of capital; but Florence, though off the great main arteries of commerce, retained its commercial supremacy far longer than its geographical situation warranted. This fact is an instance of the law that the causes which originate commercial activity may cease to operate, and yet that activity may continue by sheer force of momentum until destroyed by a definite event. That event befell; the failures of the Bardi and Peruzzi ruined Florence, and the main trade centre shifted to Augsburg.

Augsburg was the great halting place on the main trade route a nodal point of commerce. It was at this city in the south of Germany that the Italian, having come over from Venice, exchanged goods with the German, who carried them northward to Flanders and the Hanseatic cities. The importance of Augsburg is found in the fact that there for the first time were combined the banking centre and the distributing centre of Europe.

In the middle of the fifteenth century an event happened which altered the entire course of traffic, and effected a revolution in the world's methods of commerce; the descent of the Turks south westward upon the desert routes and the oases centres, the road was blocked, the stream damned: trade must seek other routes.

But the same cause which barred the hitherto main highway of commerce supplied the key which unlocked the door to a far vaster field. In 1453 the Turks captured Constantinople and the Greek scholars, flying from the barbarians, took with them the manuscripts of the Ptolemaic geography which assumed the roundness of the world. By following out the suggestions thus presented the Portuguese discovered the Cape route to the Indies, and a little later the existence of America was revealed.

Meanwhile the advance that had been made in the science of navigation enabled sailors to take advantage of the new discoveries. A little earlier in the fifteenth century a portion of the old overland route, that which traversed Europe, had been abandoned; men were no longer content to creep timorously along the coast from point to point. Venice organized a fleet which sailed through the Straits of Gibraltar, across the Bay of Biscay to Bruges, Antwerp and Southampton, whence the work was taken up and carried on by the Dutch round the north of Denmark to the Hanseatic cities and the coasts of Russia.

So the significance of cheap ocean traffic and the small amount of the handling of goods which it involved began to be realized.

The most suitable position for the organization of the new trade was obviously the western edge of Europe. So the Dutch and the Portuguese supplanted the Arabs, the Venetians and the Hansards. In Elizabeth's time Antwerp had taken the place of Bruges as the northern depository of Indian wares, and Lisbon and Antwerp were at the height of their power and prosperity. The blight of Spanish conquest fell on Portugal and Flanders, and as the former mistresses of commerce declined, Amsterdam rose into greatness.

Amsterdam was the first instance of a world centre of commerce. Previously there had been local centres, but trade had never hitherto been organized from a single city; now the Dutch fetched the wares of the Indies from the Indies themselves round the Cape of Good Hope, and distributed them to the countries of the west and north of Europe.

But the commercial greatness of Holland was shaken by the wars of the seventeenth century, and in its turn Amsterdam gave place to London.

The essence of the oceanic stage in the development of the great trade routes lies in the fact that it was possible to reach any shore in the world without breaking bulk; thus it was that the establishing of a world market for colonial produce took place, and here grew up the entrepot trade of Britain. This considerable trade naturally involved the re-exporting of goods, which had been imported there simply because it was the market place, with the result that there could be but one position for the banking centre of the world. Cheap capital resulting from organization was one of the factors which made England the great industrial country of the world, and such organization was only possible in a great trade centre.

In the course of the last century there has occurred a dispersion and equalization of industrial and commercial activity throughout the world, and the more complete and more widely diffused the mechanism, the greater will be the need of a controling centre. When factories and warehouses are equally distributed over the world, a great organizing centre will be even more needful than at the present time. All over the world will be agricultural, industrial, commercial activity and all over the world the consequent financial activity. This financial activity, the sum and measure of all the other material activities, must have a single focus for the adjustment of exchanges and the loan of capital. There must always be a clearing house.

The opening of the Panama canal seems to promise a change in the currents of world traffic comparable to that involved in the substitution of water-borne for land-borne commerce in the fifteenth century. The centre of the world will shift from the western coast of Europe to the western coast of the American continent; somewhere along that coast, midway between the three hundred million inhabitants of Europe and the seven hundred million inhabitants of Asia, equi-distant from the three great ocean islands of South Africa, South America and Australia. On the vast island of Northern America will arise the future commercial centre of the world, starting as the distributing pivot, fortified by the accumulation of capital which the process of distribution always brings in its train, and developing by means of that capital into the workshop of the world's industries.

To whom will the prize fall? Which city on the Pacific coast will attain this unique position?

As formerly it was political causes which drove the world's trade of western Europe ever northward till it centred in London, so in our day on a different theatre political causes may well prove a dominant factor.

In the United States of America political and municipal corruption are rampant, law brought into disrepute, justice ignored, commercial morality fallen into low estate, social and industrial unrest everywhere rife, the productive activities of a nation stifled in the unwholesome atmosphere generated by the monstrous exuberance of trusts, mergers and combines springing from an unsound social and economic organization.

These evils may well serve as a warning to Canadians. The unrivalled geographical position of Vancouver Island may be aided by obviating those dangers which are threatening our neighbors. One of the first essentials of the upbuilding of a sound and healthy commercial community is a pure, an efficient and an expeditious administration of a well settled system of law. The courts are the guardians and upholders of national morality, and nothing is more harmful to the security and stability of commercial intercourse than the empirical application of a formless equity, varying with the fluctuating opinions of individual judges. Therefore to promote and safeguard commercial progress it is necessary to have a well-established, well-defined and scientific code of laws administered by judges who have been selected for their high position by reason of their eminence in their profession, and not from motives of political partizanship. The wonderful effect on a nation exercised by its legal system may be seen in the history of the Eastern Empire, which in spite of the worst misgovernment to which perhaps a nation has been ever subject, was held together by the wonderful system of Roman law crystallized in the great codification—Justinian.

Equally necessary to ensure to British Columbia the full advantages to be derived from its geographical position are the reduction to a minimum of trade restrictions, the abolition of monopoly in land and the establishment of a thoroughly efficient service of trade ambassadors.

The first two requisites are subjects too vast to be treated of in a cursory review of tendencies; but it is possible that the industrial supremacy of Britain, threatened by many rivals, is seriously undermined, and that her position as a world market is but maintained by that vis inertiae which long served Florence. Should that supposition be correct it behoves us to make every preparation for filling the position which the Mother Country once held; and we have many advantages to help us in the task; a climate similar to the climate of Lancashire, exceptionally favorable to the exploitation of the textile industries, and an open highway to the great markets of the Oriental world; an abundant supply of coal, and magnificent natural harbors. The cause which has sapped Britain's industrial power, social unrest hurrying governments into financially unsound legislative expedients, it rests with us to avoid. In order to prevent such unrest and the consequent disturbance of trade and industry, it is necessary to ensure to labor that share of the results of production which justly belongs to it, and a very sure method of so doing is to eliminate one of the three factors which at present compose the division of the wealth fund available for distribution, namely, rent.

A cheap and abundant food supply is equally necessary to all industrial progress. We are told that tariffs are necessary to protect infant industries, the idea being presumably that when once these industries have attained maturity the tariffs may safely by dispensed with. But the history of tariffs in the United States may well make us doubt whether industries nourished in the hothouse of protection can ever be successfully exposed to the cold and bracing airs of competition. The fact that a particular industry needs the fostering shelter of a tariff wall surely proves that it is an industry unsuited to the country in which it is attempted to be established, and that those engaged in it would be more productively engaged in some occupation to which the character of the country more readily lends itself; and surely in a country of such abounding natural resources as Canada there can be no lack of such occupations.

Our opportunities are great. We have as yet no vast vested interests to combat; the great bulk of land is still in the hands of the province; the number of parasitic industries is small; a bold, a wise and a far-sighted statesmanship may, by securing free play to the forces of situation and climate, win for us the position which offers such dazzling prospects, rendering Victoria the queen of the Pacific, the market place of the world's commerce and the workshp of the world's industries.

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I have just had a talk with a Great Man. I do not mean to banter. I am in earnest. He is really a Great Man, the greatest of his profession in the world.



I was duly impressed. The shape of his head, the tone of his voice, the manner of his expression, the substance of his speech, all were those of the kingman, the man who has won.

That was last night. It is now morning. All through my waking and sleeping since I saw him he has been pursuing me. Glimpses, little fragments of vision of him, his words, his tricks of gesture, his art of glancing, his nod, the folding of his hands; these, like scattered ghosts, have been appearing and vanishing in the back of my mind for twelve hours.

He has come upon me like an electric charge, like a spiritual fecundation.

My mind is the same sort of mixed elevation and dismay that a girl feels when she comes under the spell of a man.

He did not tell me much; he made me think of much. I was not informed. I was awakened.

Any human soul is very wonderful, when you get close enough to sense it. The most rich, intoxicating, miraculous thing is a human being.

And there is something distinctly more in a great man than in an ordinary man. For there is such a thing as greatness, though it is rarely found in great office, and there's a deal of humbugs and counterfeit greatness.

And there is also something in success; some dynamic that thunders over you, when you meet it, and cows you.

But I am wondering how much of all this is in the man, and how much of it was lent him by my imagination.

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Sores All Over Baby's Body

"When my baby boy was six months old, his body was completely covered with large sores that seemed to itch and burn, and cause terrible suffering. The eruption began in pimples which would open and run, making large sores. His hair came out and finger nails fell off, and the sores were over the entire body, causing little or no sleep for baby or myself. Great scabs would come off when I removed his shirt. We tried a great many remedies but nothing would help him, till a friend induced me to try Cuticura Soap and Ointment. I used the Cuticura Soap and Ointment but a short time before I could see that he was improving, and in six weeks' time he was entirely cured. He had suffered about six weeks before we tried the Cuticura Soap and Ointment, although we had tried several other things and doctors too. I think the Cuticura Remedies will do all that is claimed for them, and a great deal more." (Signed) Mrs. Noble Tubman, Dodson, Mont., Jan 28, 1911.

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This main is to-day capable of delivering, for use in Victoria, seventeen million gallons of water every twenty-four hours.

During the period between January 1 and November 1 of this year, the Esquimalt Waterworks Company has actually delivered to the B. C. Electric Railway Company fourteen million gallons of water per day.

The Esquimalt Waterworks Company will sell this water to the City of Victoria, in such quantities as the city may desire, and at prices far below the cost at which the city can bring water from any other source.

To construct the Sooke Lake system the addition to the indebtedness of the city will be **TWO MILLION DOLLARS**, at the very least.

We want every Taxpayer to consider and analyze figures truly and honestly representing actual conditions and showing in the next seventeen years a saving of almost **TWO MILLION DOLLARS** to be made by buying water from this company, as against installing the Sooke Lake system.

To construct the Sooke Lake system the addition to the annual tax levy of Victoria City will be $119,000, at the very least.

In this statement no provision is made for payment of a Sinking Fund which will cost the ratepayers about $50,000 per annum more—an exaction from present ratepayers for the benefit of posterity.

COST PER YEAR TO THE TAXPAYERS

For the Water Supply from Sooke Lake:

(a)	Interest and Discount on $1,700,000 installation cost at 5 per cent per annum	$ 85,000
(b)	Interest and Discount on $200,000 land purchase cost at 5 per cent per annum	10,000
(c)	Cost of maintenance of system from Sooke Lake to City Limits	24,000
	Annual cost	$119,000

In this statement no provision is made for any work costing more than the Engineer's estimates. In nearly every case the actual cost exceeds the estimate.

17-YEAR BASIS

The fair method of testing a public utility system from the basis of cost to taxpayers is to provide for time of construction and fifteen years' operation.

The Engineer fixes 2 years for construction, and adding the first 15 years' operation, we have a period of 17 years affecting present ratepayers.

On this 17-year basis, multiplying the yearly cost of $119,000 by 17, we have $2,023,000 as the amount in taxes which the present ratepayer will have to pay for the use of Sooke Lake water.

During this 17-year term the city's use of water will raise from the minimum of 3,500,000 gallons per day to a maximum of 10,500,000 gallons per day; giving an average of 7,000,000 gallons per day for the 17-year period.

Under the Sooke Lake project the present ratepayers will have to pay for double the quantity of water which can by any possibility be used, meaning increased taxes and a dead loss.

The estimate of cost prepared by the City's Engineer is $1,700,000 to complete the Sooke Lake system. This is probably an underestimate, and any figures published to show a contract at a lower figure are false. The contract is being made on a piecework basis, and not for a lump sum.

The Engineer has definitely decided that no revenue from power can be earned with the Sooke Lake system.

Esquimalt Waterworks Company guarantees to reduce taxes $100,000 per year for 10 years.

As against the Sooke Lake cost of not less than $119,000 per year, and a Sinking Fund cost of $40,000 per year, the Esquimalt Waterworks Company will sell to the city ten million gallons of water per day for a ten-year term for $50,000 per year, delivered in the City. This will effect a saving of $100,000 per year to the Taxpayer when the Sinking Fund is taken into account.

It will effect a saving of $80,000 per year over the lowest figures claimed on behalf of the Sooke Lake system.

Esquimalt Waterworks Company guarantees the city a saving of $100,000 per year for 10 years.

In buying water from the Esquimalt Waterworks Company, the taxpayers have three direct advantages:

(a) There is no loss of interest on money during years of construction;

(b) The water supply is within the city limits now;

Believing that the taxpayers have never yet understood the enormous increase of taxation into which they are being railroaded by accepting the Sooke Lake scheme, the Esquimalt Waterworks Company is publishing this advertisement.

The figures are correct.

We invite answer, analysis and criticism, for we are sure that the more publicity is given, the more we will be proved to be absolutely right.

To bring water from Sooke Lake will subject the taxpayers to the following losses:

(a) Loss of interest during construction;

(b) Cost of operating Elk Lake system during construction;

(c) Annual tax loss of $100,000, at the least;

(d) Cost of difficulties of construction discoverable only by actual work.

We ask the Taxpayers of Victoria to give fair and impartial consideration to the facts above set forth.

Esquimalt Waterworks Company

JOHN R. SAUNDERS, Secretary

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In Large or Small Sums

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Victoria has a wonderful future ahead of it, and an investment today in one of our lots tributary to the car line will bring greater returns and is absolutely as safe as putting the money in a savings bank at a low rate of interest. Values have shown a marked increase in the last year and will continue to do so for some time to come.

We offer these lots on very easy terms, $50.00 down and $50.00 every six months. The first $50.00 is the hardest one to save, but if you start that boy off with a $50.00 payment, he will surely take interest enough in his investment to be sure that his future payments are taken care of.

TRY IT ONCE

Come in and let us show you some lots at $500.00 that are the best investment in real estate that a man can make.

The natural growth of the city will double the price of these lots in two years. Conditions that might arise from the extension of the car system might bring this about before that time; in any event one look at the property will convince you that every statement we make about them is absolutely true. Give the boy a chance; he will make good.

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SUE CITY FOR DAMAGES

Quebec, Dec. 27.—Arising out of a fire which took place in the early part of last summer in a building on Crown street in which P. C. D'Auteuil, a well known broker, was asphyxiated, the widow and the daughter of the deceased have instituted an action against the city for $15,000 damages. The plaintiffs claim that the civic fire department were guilty of gross negligence, that they were late in responding to a fire alarm, and even then they had not the proper apparatus. The case promises to be a sensational one, as at the time of the fire it was claimed that if the firemen had arrived with proper appliances all the family could have been rescued.

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60x120 Price $350 Per Foot

There are two dwellings on the property, well rented.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS HERDS

Special Committee Reports on Difficult Problem of Disposition of Animals

The disposition of animals found to be affected with tuberculosis has always given the Department of Agriculture much worry and a committee to consider the best methods was appointed by Hon. Sydney Fisher last year. This committee, consisting of Senator Edwards, chairman, John R. Mohler and Frederick Torrance, reported and a copy of their report appears in the last annual volume of the department. It is as follows:

Your committee on the disposition of Tuberculosis animals begs to submit the following report:

In the work of control and eradication of tuberculosis in animals it is first of all of the utmost importance to establish the presence of the disease in all the affected cattle, since only by such a procedure will it be possible to guard the healthy and newly born animals from infection.

Fortunately, we are in a position to determine with considerable certainty the vast majority of occult cases of tuberculosis in cattle, even the incipient cases, with the aid of tuberculin, and the clinical cases by physical examination. This alone constitutes a great advantage in the work of suppression of the disease. The tuberculin test should therefore be considered as a very important step in the eradication of tuberculosis. As a matter of fact, all the recognized authorities on the subject are agreed on this point. Once the tuberculous animals are recognized, consideration must be given to the most suitable and economical way of eradicating the disease from the herd. This naturally brings up the question of the disposition of the tuberculosis animals, and in adopting any particular food one should be guided by the extent of the infection in the herd, the quality of the affected animals, the sanitary condition of the premises, and last but not least, the owner's intelligence and knowledge of the subject. The latter information is necessary to determine if reliance can be placed on the owner to carry out minutely all the details which are essential in executing any particular method of eradication that may be decided upon. The owner's co-operation in this work is without doubt a very essential feature of this great task. For this reason a campaign of education of the farmers and stock raisers relative to the control of tuberculosis in which all the advantages of the eradication of tuberculosis must be impressed on them, would greatly facilitate this important campaign. It is a well known fact that any voluntary method of suppression by the herd owners themselves would bring about better and quicker results than when compulsory measures are enforced upon them by legislative enactments. Nevertheless the time has arrived when a campaign looking towards the control of this disease should be entered upon by the general government as well as the state and province. This campaign must reach in the first place all the clinical pulmonary forms of tuberculosis; then tuberculosis of the udder, intestines and uterus.

Having removed these exceedingly dangerous cases the balance of the tuberculous herd may be treated by the Bang system, which consists of the establishment of two herds of cattle, one containing the animals which react to tuberculin, and the other those that proved to be healthy. Each class of cattle is kept entirely separate from the other, in different stables when possible, and under the care of separate attendants, using separate utensils. The calves born of the diseased cows are removed from their mothers at birth and placed in the stables with the healthy animals where they are reared upon the milk of healthy cows or upon other milk which has been properly pasteurized. In this way the healthy portion of the herd constantly increases, while the diseased animals are disposed of as rapidly as may be deemed necessary, until finally all of them are gone and the remaining herd is composed entirely of healthy cattle. The tuberculin test is applied to the healthy herd at regular intervals, annually or semi-annually, in order to detect any cases of latent tuberculosis or recent infection which may appear.

A modification of the Bang system is Ostertag's method of suppressing tuberculosis. This system demands only a clinical examination of the original herd with the elimination of all open cases of tuberculosis. The calves from the remaining cows are immediately moved and brought up on pasteurized milk in the same manner as in the Bang system and a new herd is thus established from the young stock. Healthy nurse cows could be used for these calves instead of feeding them on pasteurized milk. The tuberculin test is applied to this new herd at stated intervals in order that any cases of tuberculosis which may develop therein may be discovered promptly. Neither of these systems, however, has met with much favor in this country, as it required a considerable length of time and care to create a herd free from tuberculosis by either of them. Nevertheless the inauguration of Bang's or Ostertag's method in herds of valuable animals, whether they be dairy or beef breeds, is unquestionably of an economic value, and in such cases either of these systems should be encouraged. On the other hand, in ordinary beef or dairy herds, the practice of Bang's or Ostertag's method in this country has not met with much encouragement, owing to the extraordinary supervision time and labor, as well as the loss of market milk from the reacting cows, which it involves.

In such herds the ultimate results have thus been obtained by the obligatory disposal of all the clinically affected cows and giving the dairyman the alternative either to pasteurize the milk from the remainder of his herd, or to be forced to refrain from selling the raw milk from the infected milk at all. In case he adopts the former method, the herd composed of diseased and healthy cattle should be placed in quarantine under the supervision of sanitary authorities, and no sales should be permitted from the herd excepting for immediate slaughter. The alternative method will compel him to dispose of his tuberculosis animals in case he refuses to pasteurize the milk. The suppression of tuberculosis could be greatly facilitated and the co-operation of many of the herd owners could be gained by a provision by which a certain percentage of indemnity could at least for a term of years be paid for the condemned animals. The scale of such an indemnity should be arranged in accordance with the final disposition of the carcass under competent inspection.

Another method of eradication should receive serious consideration as being of value in some localities. This is known as the Manchester system which is either the Ostertag or Bang system applied to localized areas or even individual farms, from which centres the work progresses to surrounding or neighboring districts and farms. Inasmuch as the animals affected with clinical tuberculosis are the greatest sources of danger in the dissemination of the disease, compulsory reporting of such cases should be inaugurated by the state, as is now done in many places in the control of human tuberculosis. Mandatory reporting of these cases and their prompt slaughter are very essential, as only by the elimination of these exceptionally dangerous cases can it be hoped to take up all the other details by which a successful control of bovine tuberculosis may be accomplished.

In conclusion your committee, having regard to the disposition of pure-bred cattle, or valuable animals kept for either breeding or dairy puposes, would stongly recommend a system requiring the remval of all clinical requiring the removal of all clinical the segration of all calves from the remaining cows in order to establish a new, clean herd, the use of tuberculin tested nurse-cows or pasteurized milk for these calves, and the periodic application of tuberculin to this newly established herd, as the only thoroughly reliable one.

A FOREIGNER.

A young man just returned from college was out cycling one day when suddenly he came to a steep gradient. While he was descending he lost control of his machine and was thrown. Two men came and found him lying on the ground. When asked how it happened, he replied:—

"Well, I came down that decline with the greatest velocity, and lost my central gravity and was precipitated on the hard macadamized road."

"Away, lad; let him alone," replied one of the men, "He's a foreigner."

THE DIFFERENCE.

The young woman had spent a busy day. She had browbeaten fourteen sales-people, bullyragged a shop walker, argued victoriously with a milliner, laid down the law to a modiste, nipped in the bud a taxi chauffeur's attempt to overcharge her, made a street-car conductor stop the car in the middle of a non-stop run for her, discharged her maid and engaged another, and otherwise refused to allow herself to be imposed upon. Yet she did not smile that evening when a young man begged:—

"Let me be your protector through life!"

OSTRICH TAIL

They say that when an ostrich is surprised he hides his head in the sand.

"I wish to thunder he'd everlastingly hide his tail there," observed the man who had just settled a heavy millinery bill.



KIDDIES OF TO-DAY

Ella:—"I'm going to hang up my stocking on Christmas."

Stella:—"What for?"

Ella:—"By special request of paps and mamma. You know they believe in Santa Claus."

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1¾ Acres inside 3-mile circle near Gorge and new Burnside car; 264-foot frontage

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$550—SCOTT STREET, next corner of King's Road, 50x118. Cash $180.

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Small monthly payments on all above. The cheapest buys in City.

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Property is moving in this district. We offer the following property which is good buying if it never increases in value—50x255 ft., with orchards, shrubbery, flowers, etc., on Michigan street, where a street will probably be put through at rear of these lots, and with a modern 9 room house. Exceptionally easy terms **$7,500**

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Waterfront for sale in this district is almost impossible to get. There is only one other piece on the market near this property, and it is held at $2,750 per acre. We can deliver 15 acres with about 500 assorted fruit trees in full bearing and second to none in the district. The rest of the property is easily cleared and the land is the very best. There are a few outbuildings, but the value is in the land. Roads pass on two sides so that it could be easily cut up. Commands a magnificent view of the Gulf Islands and passing boats. Any reasonable terms at, per acre **$2,000**

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GOOD BUYS IN LOTS

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Two, Queen's avenue. Price, each **$2,100**
One, Moss street, near Richardson **$1,400**
One, Oscar street, near Linden avenue **$1,650**
One, Cook street, corner of Empress avenue **$2,100**
Two, Cook St. and Queen's avenue, double corner. Price **$5,000**
Two waterfront lots Foul Bay, each **$1,250**
Three, Empire street, close to Cook and Bay streets. Each **$1,050**
Terms on all above lots.

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Close to Pumping Station, east of Quadra, 10 acres, all good land under cultivation, 800 feet frontage on Reynolds Street. Quarter cash, balance one, two and three years. Price, per acre $1,250

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We have the cheapest lot in this desirable neighborhood, on Olympia Avenue, size 50x127, price only $800, on terms of $200 cash and $20 per month. This is an opportunity worth seizing if you want to make money.

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Rooming House of twenty-two rooms.

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On good terms.

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DIARY OF A BACK-BENCHER

The back-bencher is beginning to tread on the thorns which strew the political pathway. He receives some astounding letters from home and finds that in some cases, at any rate, distance does not lend enchantment to the view. Here is another page of his diary:

Ottawa, Dec. 1.

House rose to-day for Xmas holidays. Many members have gone home. I am going to remain here and get a number of big speeches together. Surprised at amount of preparation required for speech in House. Never have to prepare when speaking in my constituency. Used to say anything that came into my head and nobody in audience ever checked me up. Got impression I was infallible, but have lost it down here. Dangerous for man to address House without facts and authorities. Like skating on very thin ice. Know something about it for I butted into debate on maritime province matters few days ago. Ran in some pretty clever things, too, but Hon. Mr. Pugsley rose right afterwards and made me look like snowman. Tore my speech to pieces and scattered fragments on floor. Felt mortified, especially when our party whip sent me note advising me to refrain in future from discussing questions I knew nothing about. Hurt my feelings and I felt like resigning. Second thought, however, decided to stay, as Empire needs my services. Somehow, though, I can't hold House when I am speaking. Last time I spoke, looked up in gallery and saw only two Dominion policemen and usher there. Latter was asleep. When premier, Sir Wilfrid, Foster, Dr. Clark, Guthrie or Monk are up House is usually filled and galleries crowded. Strange when I think of it. Know I speak better than Borden. In fact we back-benchers are unanimous in belief that we make best speeches in House. Still no use complaining. True merit is bound to succeed.

Great scene in House other day. Duke was there and heard debate in which Borden and Laurier participated. Galleries were filled to overflowing and great animation. I felt it was fine occasion and splendid opportunity to show what I was made of. Laurier spoke first, then Borden and after him Guthrie. I rose to follow Guthrie and had just said "Mr. Speaker" in my best voice and with the dignity and lofty demeanor I can assume on great occasions when I felt myself pulled back into my seat by coat-tail. Turning, I saw chief whip bracing his legs against back of my seat. "Leave go," I said. He was very mad and hissed in my ear: "You are not down for this debate. Monk follows Guthrie. Quit butting in." Heartless treatment for one whose ancestors opposed the Petition of Right and helped to put John Hampden in jail. Know Duke wanted to hear what I had to say. He, no doubt, recalled my deferential bearing at dinner at Government House and realized that one who so thoroughly knew his position in the presence of royalty would make an illuminating speech.

No, I will not go home for Xmas. Dare not face my hungry constituents. Can only place fifteen of them by firing twelve Grits and creating sinecures and have applications from four hundred. They are becoming impertinent, too. Say if they don't get jobs they will tell how I won election and will join other side. Am not afraid of any disclosures. Never bribed a man in election in my life. In last election was particularly careful. In fact, did not even contribute one cent to funds. That shows high plane of my politics; I refuse to even help pay my expenses. Will embalm one of these insulting letters in diary. Here it is:

——, Dec. 11.

dear sur,

I rite to ask you to give me the job of inspecter of gasseline for the districk their is lots of ottomobeels arond hear and they is not inspekted so i wants the job I worked hard for you and elekted you if it wassent for me you wood now be digging turnips in your garden you just get me that job or i will tell abowt your election I bot ten votes for $1.25 and never got no monie back cyther if i dont get that $1.25 back i will join the libral parte so get nekst.

Yours trooly,
JAMES JENKINS.

That is sample of stuff which fills my mail box every day. Can't understand how people can be so sordid. They don't seem to realize that I am statesman, not ward politician. Think I did my duty in firing twelve Grits. Besides there is no such position as inspector of gasoline. Saw premier and he referred me to minister of inland revenue. Latter does not know much English and thought I said "Inspector of gas." When I explained that I meant inspector of gasoline he said there was no such position. Even if there was, he said, it would have to go to a Nationalist. Rule was that two Nationalists must be appointed for every Orangeman. Some of my constituents are sore because I dined with the Duke. One of them has sent the following insolent communication to me:

Dec. 11.

Dear Sir:

I see you have been dining with the Duke. I suppose you are now feeling too big to shake hands with us common electors who helped to put you where you are. Before you were elected you couldn't make more than $1.50 per day to save your life and now you go riding in a cab to the Duke's house and rub noses with royalty. All the time your five-roomed shack here needs a new coat of paint. I suppose you will be wearing a boiled shirt and dress suit next. That's the way with people like you. You have to jump into society as soon as there is an opening. You may not know it, but I gave $2.85 towards your election expenses.

Yours truly,
WM. SNODGRASS.

Surprised at Snodgrass. Thought he was broader gauged man. Felt sure they would be proud of their member because he dined with Governor-General. Guess I had better be careful. Will cancel my address before Ottawa College debating class on "How to Hold an Audience."

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Fairfield Estate, 50x120, with 5-room cottage, just off car line; $600 cash, balance at 7 per cent. Price ..$2100

Simcoe Street, James Bay, 7-room House and Lot 54x150. House is quite modern; 1-3 cash, balance one and two years. Price$5,000

West-End, 7-room modern dwelling, with lot 50 x 120. House modern in every respect. Situated just off car line. $700 cash handles this, balance monthly payments$4200

Moss Street, between Fairfield Road and Richardson street, 6-room cottage, with 3 lots, each 60 x 110. Three frontages. One-third cash, balance 7 per cent. Price$7500

Trutch Estate, between Richardson St. and Fairfield Road, 11-room house and 2 lots, each 50 x 164. House is quite modern. Terms, one-quarter cash, balance 1, 2 and 3 years at 7 per cent. Price$10500

Fairfield Estate, 7-room new, modern House on Woodland Road, with large lot; permanent sidewalks, streets to be improved; on terms. Price $6,000

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Corporation of the District of Oak Bay

Public Meeting

At the request of the Mayor and Council of the City of Victoria, a public meeting of the ratepayers will be held in the Municipal Hall, Oak Bay avenue, on Wednesday, the 27th day of December, 1911, at 8 p.m., to hear the proposals of the Mayor and Council with regard to the extension of the city limits.

J. S. FLOYD,
C. M. C.

Corporation of the District of Oak Bay.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Electors of the Municipality of the District of Oak Bay, that I require the presence of the said Electors at the School House, Oak Bay Avenue, on the eighth day of January, 1912, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Reeve and Councillors:

The mode of nomination of Candidates shall be as follows:

The Candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p. m., of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a Poll being necessary, such Poll will be opened on the 13th day of January, 1912, at the School House, Oak Bay Avenue, from 9 a. m., to 7 p. m., of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The qualification for Reeve shall be his being a male British subject and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his nomination the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property situate within the Municipality of the Assessed value, on the last Municipal of Provincial Assessment Roll, of five hundred dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherwise duly qualified as a voter.

The qualifications for a councillor shall be his being a male British subject and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his nomination the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property situate within the Municipality of the assessed value, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, of two hundred and fifty dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge, or being a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor, who has resided within the Municipality for the space of one year or more immediately preceding the nomination, and who is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, over and above any registered judgment or charge, or being a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor, who has resided within the Municipality for a portion of one year immediately preceding the nomination, and who, during the remainder of said year has been the owner of said land, of which he formerly was a homesteader, lessee from the Crown or pre-emptor and who is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherwise qualified as a voter.

Given under my hand at Oak Bay, B. C., the 22nd day of December, 1911.

(Signed) HENRY F. PULLEN,
Returning Officer.

Corporation of the District of Oak Bay.

COURT OF REVISION OF VOTERS' LIST

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court of Revision of the Voters' List will be held in the Council Chamber, Oak Bay Avenue, on Tuesday, 2nd January, 1912, at 8 p. m.

J. S. FLOYD,
C. M. C.

Corporation of the District of Oak Bay.

ELECTION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Electors of the Municipality of the District of Oak Bay that I require the presence of the said Electors at the School House, Oak Bay Avenue, on Monday, the eighth day of January, 1912, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing three persons as members of the Board of School Trustees.

Any person being a householder in the School District, and being a British subject of the full age of twenty-one years, and otherwise qualified by the Public Schools Act to vote at an election of School Trustees in the said School District, is eligible to be elected or to serve as School Trustee.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows: The Candidate shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of this notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary, such poll will be opened on the 13th day of January, 1912, at the School House, Oak Bay Avenue, from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m., at which time and place each elector who is duly qualified to vote for Reeve will be entitled to cast his vote for three candidates for the members of the Board of School Trustees, but may only cast one vote for each candidate, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

Given under my hand at Oak Bay, B. C., the 22nd day of December, 1911.

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Woman in Automobile Assists in Capture at Vancouver—Exciting Chase

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—Mrs. John Herod, of 1426 Barclay street, proved on Saturday that an automobile could be made available in catching an alleged thief as well as in conveying an alleged culprit to the lockup.

On Saturday Mrs. Herod had halted her machine on Granville street, near Georgia. M. F. McConnell ran up to the car and excitedly said that a man who had just boarded the street car ahead had robbed him of his purse, containing $125. Mrs. Herod told him to jump into the automobile, and started after the car. They followed the car as far north as Pender street, and then the suspected man jumped off and started along Pender street. Mrs. Herod told the man who complained of being robbed to take after him while she picked up a policeman. The complainant caught up with his quarry and had him by the shoulder when Mrs. Herod was seen returning with a policeman in the automobile with her. Seeing the policeman the accused man wrenched himself free and took to his heel. With the majesty of the law to back her Mrs. Herod felt justified in breaking speed records, but no great speed could be made owing to the congestion of traffic on the street. The man was finally overhauled. He gave his name as William Terry, and when brought up in court this morning was remanded for eight days.

BOUNDARY HOCKEY.

Grand Forks, Dec. 26.—Charles Haverty, manager of the local hockey club, and Bert Reid attended a meeting of representatives of the Greenwood, Grand Forks and Phoenix clubs in the latter city when the schedule of games to be played in the Boundary league during the present season was arranged as follows: January 1, Grand Forks at Greenwood; January 5, Greenwood at Grand Forks; January 10, Grand Forks at Phoenix; January 15, Phoenix at Grand Forks; January 19, Phoenix at Greenwood; January 25, Greenwood at Phoenix; January 26, Grand Forks at Greenwood; January 29, Phoenix at Grand Forks; February 2, Greenwood at Phoenix; February 6, Phoenix at Greenwood; February 12, Greenwood at Grand Forks; February 16, Grand Forks at Phoenix.

Phoenix club was the winner of the cup last season, as well as winner of the provincial and international cups at Rossland, and is going to make a strong bid this season to hold these trophies. In both Greenwood and this city the players are getting in shape for a hard tussle, and some first class hockey will be witnessed in the Boundary during the next couple of months.

TEACHERS QUARANTINED.

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—Four public school teachers, quarantined with scarlet fever, two of the teachers being members of the choir of St. Luke's Episcopal church, were serenaded by members of the choir Sunday night, Christmas eve. After the serenade the teachers hung out four stockings under the scarlet fever quarantine sign. Yesterday morning when they loked from the windows to the street they were amazed to see quite a crowd of hilarious people in front of the house. Investigation as to the cause of the merriment disclosed the four long stockings filled with candy, oranges, dolls and other presents, left there by Santa Claus.

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CAUSE OF FATAL EXPLOSION A MYSTERY

Inquiry Into Accident at Departure Bay, in Which Three Were Killed

Nanaimo, Dec. 26.—Corontr Drysdale held an inquiry into the explosion Friday which wrecked the gelignite room of the Canadian Explosives Company's plant at Departure Bay, causing the death of three employees and injury to several others.

No evidence was adduced that would lend any light as to the cause of the explosion, which remains a mystery. The jury brought in a verdict to the effect that the deceased, Joseph Defries, came to his death by an explosion at the plant of the Canadian Explosives Company at Departure Bay, the cause of the explosion unknown.

DIES AT NANAIMO.

Nanaimo, Dec. 26.—The death occurred Saturday evening of Robert Bruce Reid, eldest son of William Reed, an old-time resident of Nanaimo.

A native of Nanaimo, aged thirty-five years, the deceased was one of the best known of the city's young men. For several years he was in the employ of the E. & N. Railway, serving as station agent at Duncan and at other points along the line, and recently was employed as government telegraph operator in this city.

He leaves to mourn his loss so early in life a widow and four children, also his father and two brothers and two sisters.

FACE SERIOUS PROBLEM.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—The provincial health department is face to face with a serious problem, owing to the action of the persons who conduct the Barford convent near Coaticook, in dismissing the majority of the pupils for the holidays, when several cases of suspected smallpox existed in the institution. The pupils come from various parts of the province of Quebec and from some northern United States towns. Among the places which have been visited by children returning from the institution for the vacation are Beecher Falls, Vermont; Pittsburg, Manchester, Berlin, New Hampshire, North Hampton, Mass.; and Stanford, Maine.

The authorities have wired to these municipalities asking that the returning children be placed under the strictest observation. There were about 110 children attending the convent and some time ago a number were taken ill. Three cases of smallpox had been diagnosed.

LIVES ENDANGERED.

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—Residents in Point Grey are becoming highly incensed over the action of so-called "sportsmen," who go into the district armed with high-power rifles and amuse themselves by firing at anything from dry stumps to leaves, taking no thought of the danger to residents. The men do not seem to bother about waiting for game, but fire at anything and everything, just for the fun of pulling the trigger. Not only men with guns of heavy calibre, but others armed with small rifles, revolvers and shotguns go there every fine day, and nearly every day someone has a narrow escape from death.

The residents are much alarmed, and if the police do not take some action to put a stop to the present state of affairs, will likely institute proceedings themselves.

NEW SCHOOL FOR KAMLOOPS.

Kamloops, Dec. 26.—Mr. Parlett, architect, has prepared draft plans of the proposed new school building. A large basement the whole extent of the building provides for a roomy gymnasium, lockers and dressing rooms, furnace and fuel rooms, etc. The ground floor has teachers' rooms in the centre front, with large assembly room with gallery, at the rear. A main corridor leads to east and west wings, each containing two standard size class rooms. The upper floor gives four additional class rooms and two smaller rooms for library, apparatus, etc.

Special attention is being given to the lighting arrangements, an important detail in school architecture and the plans outlined appear to have been carefully thought out.

The approximate cost of the building suggested is $50,000.

SHOOTS HIMSELF.

New Westminster, Dec. 26.—Hearing a shot ring out in the woods of Burnaby to-day, a party of merry-makers were startled to find the dead body of one of their number, Charles Vasseur, lying dead with a bullet wound in his head. A gun lay near by. Financial losses are thought to be the motive of what the police believe to be a case of suicide.

WHY THE TRAIN STOPPED

Harry Lauder, the well-known Scottish comedian, tells this story of his touring days. Lauder was in an out-of-the-way hamlet in Banffshire. He wanted to get on the main line. The "local express" took the better part of two hours to cover the twelve or fifteen miles.

"At last," he writes, "I asked a fellow-traveller if the train in which we were seated was booked to catch the connection I wanted.

"'Oh, aye,' he replieid, in the broad northern Doric, solemnly removing his clay pipe before speaking, 'she's bookit richt eneuch, but she verra seldom does't!'

"By and by the train stopped with a sort of sleepy jerk less than a mile from the junction. I got up and opened the window. The signals were down and there was no sign of any block ahead. I opened the carriage door, jumped on to the line, and walked forward to the engine. The driver and the fireman were seated on the footboard, one enjoying a smoke. They expressed no surprise at my appearance; indeed, the engine-driver was polite enough to remark to me that it was 'a braw mornin'.'

"'Yes,' replied I, 'the morning's all very fine, but what about this express train? What has she stopped for?'

"'Oh, no much, sir ;no much!' responded the driver. 'The fact is,' he added seriously, 'the engine's gane aff the bile!'"

PRESCRIPTIONS IN LATIN

The following ludicrously illustrates the necessity of a reform in medical nomenclature.

Dr. Doane was very much confounded, a few years since, by a remark of one of his patients. The day previous the doctor had prescribed that safe and palatable remedy, syrup of buckthorn, and left his prescription duly written in the usual cabalistic characters—"Syr. Rham. Cath." On inquiring if the patient had taken the medicine, a thundercloud darkened her face, lightning darted from her eye, and she roared out:—

"No! I can read your doctor-writing. And I ain't a-going to take Syrup of Ram Cats for anybody."

BENEFITING THE POOR

A lot of minstrels went to a country town and advertised to give a performance for "the benefit of the poor, tickets being reduced to a dime." The hall was crammed full.

The next morning a committee for the poor called upon the treasurer of the concern for the amount the said benefit had netted. The treasurer expressed great astonishment at the demand.

"I thought," said the chairman of the committee, "you advertised this concert for the benefit of the poor?"

The treasurer replied: "Didn't we put the tickets down to a dime so that the poor could all come?"

AN UMBRELLA

Chappie:—"I wish to—aw—purchase an umbrella."

Dealer:—"Umbrella, sir; yes, sir. Here is something just out, sir—five dollars."

Chappie:—"Oh, not that kind. I've got one of that kind, don't you know. I want something to use when it rains, don't you know."



APPRECIATED

She:—"Women were made to look as pretty as they can."

He:—"And men were made so that women wouldn't go to all that trouble for nothing."

RATHER SAD.

"Yes," said Binks (the heir to his aunt's estate), "it is sad, but less than two hours after my poor aunt died, her pet parrot died also."

"Of grief?" said a sympathetic friend.

"No, of rat poison," said Binks.

JAP'S WASHING DAY.

Washing is still done in some parts of Japan by getting into a boat and letting the garments drag after the boat by a long string.

It is an economical habit of travelling Japs to get a large amount of washing thus accomplished by a steamboat excursion, and has given rise to the story that once a year they travel to wash.

CREDIT FOR THE WIFE

"Your husband says you proposed to him."

"That's quite right. Everything of importance that my husband ever got credit for doing I either did or showed him how."

TROUSERS TOO SHORT

Customer:—"The trousers are too short for the boy ;he would outgrow them in four weeks."

Mr. Klinkinstein:—"Dere is not de least leetle danger, madam; dey von't last all dat time."

A MERRY WIDOW

He:—"What a glum and dismal wife you are! I don't believe you could be lively or pleasant to save your life."

She:—"I may be a dull, but just give me a chance and see what a merry widow I would make."



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NANAIMO RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Nanaimo, Dec. 26.—At the annual general meeting of the Nanaimo Rifle Association the following officers and committees were elected: Captain, Dr. L. J. O'Brien; first lieutenant, D. Owen Jones; second lieutenant, A. H. Brown; secretary, E. H. Gough; associate secretary, D. L. Thompson; treasurer, Robert Adam; auditors, G. Waddington and Albert Brown.

Management committee, Dr. O'Brien, D. Owen Jones, A. H. Brown, E. H. Gough, R. Adam, J. R. Mackenzie, Edward Orme, H. J. Ferguson.

Range committee, David Jones, Albert Brown, G. Waddington.

Match committee, R. Adam, Dr. O'Brien.

Prize committee, W. J. Ferguson, F. Dodds, R. Crelin.

The first prize of the season, the Challenge Cup, which has been in the association several years, has been again won by Mr. Ferguson, who now has the cup for good, according to the terms, viz: winning it twice in succession.

It was decided to hold the first league shoot on Friday the 29th inst.

CHILLIWACK TRUSTEES.

Chilliwack, Dec. 26.—This city has been raised from a third class rating to one of second class rating this year which necessitates an election of five members on the school board. The terms of Trustees A. J. Barker and B. T. Malcolm expires this year which in addition of the two additional ones required by statute will necessitate four being elected this year. A. L. Coote, secretary of the board, was elected last year and therefore does not need to go up for election his term of office being for two years.

OTTO MARSTRAND DEAD.

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—A cablegram was received by the Vancouver Breweries Company yesterday announcing that Otto Marstrand, one of the principal shareholders of the company, had died in Copenhagen. The late Mr. Marstrand was a well known business man in Vancouver, and had many friends here. One son, Mr. James Marstrand, is still a resident of the city.

CITY OF VICTORIA

A complete list of Local Improvement Works, authorized by By-Law, from time to time, will be found posted on the Bulletin Board at the main entrance to the City Hall.

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	Melita	Duval	Qu'Appelle
Ashcroft	Miniota	Earl Grey	Quill Lake
Central Park	Pierson	Fleming	Regina
Eburne	Pipestone	Foam Lake	Saltcoats
Lumby	Rathwell	Glen Ewen	Saskatoon
New Westminster	St. Boniface	Govan	Sedley
Peachland	Somerset	Hanley	Sheho
Quesnel	Sperling	Harris	Stornoway
Steveston	Stonewall	Imperial	Venn
VANCOUVER	WINNIPEG	Kinley	Viscount
Hastings St.	Portage Av. and Fort St.	Langham	Wolseley
Granville St.	Portage and Sherbrooke	Laura	
Mount Pleasant	Main and Selkirk	Lloydminster	
Victoria	William and Sherbrooke		

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ONTARIO		OTTAWA	TORONTO	
Bath	Florence	Sparks St.	King St.	
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Brockville	Inwood	Wellington St.	Spadina Ave.	
Burford	Kingston	Port Dover	Woodbridge	
Comber	Mallorytown	Scotland	Woodstock	
Enterprise	Napanee	Seeley's Bay	QUEBEC	
	Odessa		Aylmer	
			Papineauville	

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Financial News

VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE

Victoria, Dec. 27.—The market was very active this morning. Portland Canal shares again being the feature, changing hands at 7 cents and afterwards sold down to 6¢. The activity in this stock is said to be on account of an amalgamation of properties in that district. Most other stocks show an advance and it looks as if the market generally is in a more healthy condition. Total sales, 24,500 shares; value, $1,391.25.

	Bid.	Asked.
American Canadian Oil	.04	.05½
Canadian Northwest Oil	.04	.05
Can. Pac. Oil	.12	.14½
Maricopa Oil	.01½	.01½
Granby	36.00	40.00
International Coal & Coke	.58	.61
Nicola Valley Coal & Coke		50.00
Royal Collieries	.05	.06½
Western Coal & Coke		2.00
B. C. Copper	4.50	5.25
B. C. Packers, com.	75.00	
B. C. Permanent Loan	125.00	
C. N. P. Fisheries	2.50	4.00
Dominion Trust Co.	118.00	
Great West Permanent (a)	122.00	
Stewart Land	8.50	10.00
Pacific Loan	27.00	35.00
Can. Cons. S. & R.	45.00	
Vic. Phoenix Bry.	110.00	
Coronation Gold	.01	.02
Glacier Creek	.02	.02½
Klaskina	.06	
Kootenay Gold	.25	.46
Lucky Jim Zinc	.18	.23
Nugget Gold	.35	
Portland Canal	.06½	.06½
Rambler Cariboo	.50	
Red Cliffs	.34	
Snowstorm	.21	
Stewart M. & D.	.25	
Standard Lead	1.40	1.60
S. A. Warrants	800.00	

Sales.

1,000 Glacier Creek .02
1,000 Glacier Creek .02
1,000 Portland Canal .07
1,000 Portland Canal .07
1,000 Portland Canal .07
5,000 Portland Canal .06½
1,000 Portland Canal .06½
2,000 Portland Canal .06½
5,000 Portland Canal .06½
2,000 Portland Canal .06½
500 Portland Canal .07
3,000 Maricopa Oil .01½
1,000 Portland Canal .06½

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NEW YORK MONEY.

New York, Dec. 27.—Money on call steady, 3½@4 per cent.; ruling rate, 3½ per cent.; closing bid, 3½ per cent.; offered at 3½ per cent. Time loans easier; 60 days, 4 per cent.; 90 days, 3½@4 per cent.; 6 months, 3½@4 per cent. Close—Prime mercantile paper, 4½@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.83 for 60 days, and at $4.85.85 for demand. Commercial bills, $4.82½. Bar silver, 54½c. Mexican dollars, 46c. Bonds, governments steady; railroads irregular.

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WINNIPEG GRAIN

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—Following are opening and closing prices on Winnipeg exchange to-day:

Wheat—Dec., 94⅜@94⅝; May, old, closed 99½; May, new, 98⅝@98¾.

Oats—Dec., 37½@37¾; May, 39¼@39⅝.

Flax—Dec., 188@188; May, 193@193.

Cash prices, close: Wheat—1 Northern, 93; 2 Nor., 90; 3 Nor., 85; No. 4, 76½; No. 5, 67½; No. 6, 57; feed, 53. Oats—No. 2 C. W., 37; No. 3 C. W., 32; extra No. 1 feed, 32½; No. 1 feed, 31½; No. 2 feed, 30. Barley—No. 4, 50; rejected, 43; feed, 42.

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COST OF PRODUCING COTTON.

Below are figures on the present cost of producing cotton, based on an average yield of 40-100 bale per acre, which is slightly above the yield of crops recently grown previous to the present one. The figures are the cost of one bale, requiring 2½ acres, and will closely approximate the actual cost:

Preparing land and planting, man and mule, 2 days	$ 3 70
Seed for planting, 4 bushels, at 35c	1 40
Hoeing, one man, 5 days	6 25
Ploughing and cultivating, man and mule, 5 days	$ 75
Picking, 1,600 pounds, at 75c.	12 00
Fertilizer, at $3 per acre	7 50
Ginning and wrapping	3 00
Rent on land, at $4 per acre	10 00
	$52 00
Less 1,000 pounds seed sold at $16 per ton	8 00
Net cost of one bale cotton, 500 lbs. lint, $8.80 per lb	$44 00

There are other items that might rightly be included in the cost, such as interest and depreciation on farm implements, labor and time hauling cotton to market, and cost of feeding mule during season not actually employed in the crop.

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ENGLISH SILK INDUSTRY.

The development of the silk manufacture in England began some time in the seventeenth century, but was greatly extended through the enterprise of John Lombe, of Derby, who in 1715 went to Leghorn, Italy, to learn the secret of the Leghorn silk manufactures, a most difficult and dangerous adventure.

Visitors were allowed to pass through the factories and see the machines in motion, but could learn nothing of their construction and operation; finally, through the good offices of a priest, Lombe secured employment as a workman, slept in the mill, worked at a spinning machine, and by night made measurements and plans, which were taken out from day to day by the priest. He worked at the mill until an English ship was sent on purpose to take him away; he had scarcely sailed when an armed brig was sent after him, and he barely escaped safely to England. It is said that he died at the age of 29, poisoned by the emissaries of his Leghorn employers, but the silk manufacture was securely established, became a great industry in England, and has since been established all over the world.

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FREIGHT RATES REDUCED.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 27.—Announcement was made yesterday of a freight rate reduction of ten cents a hundred pounds on shingle shipments from western Washington to eastern points. This is one of the deepest rate cuts ever made on forest products. The new rate, which will go into effect the latter part of January, will increase the market for red cedar shingles at least 25 per cent., lumbermen say. The railroads have announced reductions, effective December 30, ranging from 10 to 20 per cent. on fir lumber from the Pacific Coast to points in Nebraska.

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NEW YORK SUGAR.

New York, Dec. 27.—Raw sugar quiet; Muscovado, 89 test, $4.11; centrifugal, 96 test, $4.66; molasses sugar, 89 test, $3.86; refined sugar steady.

BANK CLEARINGS.

The total bank clearings for the week ending December 26 were $2,286,174.

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TORONTO STOCKS

(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

Toronto, Dec. 27.

	Bid.	Ask.
Amal. Asbestos	..	4
Do., pref.	..	20
B. C. Packers "A"	92	..
Do., "B"	97	..
Do., common	73	77
Bell Telephone	144½	145
Canada Cement	27½	28
Do., pref.	89	90
Can. Gen. Electric	108	108½
Canadian Salt	100	..
Consumers Gas	..	196
Crow's Nest	..	80
Dom. Iron, pref.	..	102
Dom. Steel Works	58	..
Dom. Telegraph	..	104
Duluth Superior	29½	..
Elec. Dev. Co., pref.	65	..
Lake of Woods	135	140
Laurentide	156	160
Maple Leaf	61½	62½
Do., pref.	98	98½
Mex. L. & P.	86	88
Montreal Power	..	191½
Niagara Nav. Co.	..	105
N. S. Steel	94	95
Penmans	56	..
Do., pref.	..	85
Porto Rico Railway	72	..
R. & O. Nav. Co.	..	124
Rio Janeiro Tram.	111½	..
St. L. & C. Nav. Co.	..	96
Sao Paulo Tram.	185	185½
Shredded Wheat	74	75
Toronto Railway	137	137½
Winnipeg Railway	..	242

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CHICAGO CATTLE MARKET

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 18,500; market steady to 10c lower; beeves, $4.85@$8.80; Texas steers, $4.20@$5.75; western steers, $4.30@$6.60; stockers and feeders, $3.25@$5.90; cows and heifers, $2.20@$6.15; calves, $4.75@$7.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 30,000; market steady to 5c higher; light, $5.80@$6.25; mixed, $5.90@$6.40; heavy, $5.90@$6.40; rough, $5.90@$6.15; good to choice heavy, $6.15@$6.40; pigs, $4.80@$5.80; bulk of sales, $6.10@$6.35.

Sheep—Receipts, 25,000; market weak to 10c lower; native, $2.50@$4.25; western, $2.75@$4.25; yearlings, $4.50@$5.50; lambs, native, $4.25@$6.25; western, $4.50@$6.30.

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PLANNED GIANT MERGER

Packers Compelled to Abandon Scheme Through Lack of Funds.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Details of the plan for a $500,000,000 merger of the Armour, Swift and Morris interests in 1912, by which the government contends it was sought to control the meat industry of the country, were revealed yesterday in the trial of ten Chicago packers before United States District Judge George A. Carpenter.

The contract, which was dated May 31, 1902, was read to the jury and offered as evidence by counsel for the government.

The original agreements was produced in court by Albert H. Veeder, attorney for Swift & Company, who was called by the government as its first witness.

Attorney Veeder testified that the plans for the giant merger were abandoned and that in March, 1903, the National Packing Co. was organized and certain independent packing companies purchased with a view of including them in the big company. Under the terms of the agreement the three large packing companies, together wit the recently acquired companies, were to be merged into one grand concern.

The promoters planned to borrow $90,000,000 to finance the giant corporation. The appraised valuation of Armour, Swift and their subsidiary companies was given at $180,000,000.

Each of three promoters deposited $1,000,000 with a Chicago bank as an evidence of good faith, but they were compelled to drop the plan because of the failure of certain New York capitalists to furnish the funds needed.

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LONG GAS LINE.

Company Formed to Supply Towns in Southern Alberta.

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—The Canadian Western Light Heat, Oil, Gas and Power Company, of Alberta, a $5,000,000 corporation, was recently successfully floated in London by Eugene Coste, M. E., according to his brother Louis Coste C. E., who is here on his way to Ottawa.

It is proposed to furnish natural gas to various towns and cities in Southern Alberta from the gas wells at Bow Island, on the line of the Crow's Nest Pass branch of the C. P. R. Construction of a pipe line 179 miles long, extending as far north as Calgary, will be started next spring. It will touch at Lethbridge and Macleod before following in a general way the Calgary-Macleod branch of the same railway. The gas main will vary in size from sixteen to twenty inches in thickness and will be equipped with a new system of flexible joints to accommodate the varying pressure of the gas. It is expected that the cost of laying it down will reach about $1,000,000.

The company has secured an exclusive right from the C. P. R. to drill for gas wells on C. P. R. farm lands in Alberta, it being stipulated that if oil should be struck a supply will be furnished the C. P. R. at net cost. Mr. Eugene Coste is a well known authority on the occurrence of oil and natural gas. He "struck" numerous gas wells in Western Ontario, one of his companies piping a supply of gas to Buffalo for many years. Mr. Coste expects that the pipe will be extended to Calgary and in use early next fall.

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PRICES FOR SEAL PELTS.

Increase of $1.25 Per Skin Over Price Obtained Last Year.

On behalf of the United States government 12,000 seal pelts were sold by G. M. Bowers on the London fur market, fetching $428,285, an increase of $1.25 per skin over the price obtained last year.

Pelagic skins offered by individuals sold at considerably below the price obtained for Alaskans. Mr. Bowers attributed the high price of Alaskans to the ratification on December 12 at Washington of the treaty between Great Britain, Russia, Japan and the United States for the protection of seals in the North Pacific and Behring Sea.

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STOCK RAISING IN BRAZIL.

New York, Dec. 27.—It was told on Wall street to-day that a combination of American and Canadian capitalists had been formed to establish in Brazil the largest beef producing plant in the world. The syndicate has bought from the Brazilian government 9,000,000 acres of excellent land, where cattle can graze throughout the entire year without danger from freezing or from storm. The plant will be started with the largest number of cattle possible to buy and the capacity is fixed at 500,000 head.

THE CITY MARKET

Oils.		
Pratt's Coal Oil		1.60
Eocene		1.75
Meats.		
Hams (B. C.), per lb.	.30@	.35
Bacon (B. C.), per lb.	.25@	.28
Hams (American), per lb.		.25
Bacon (American), per lb.		.35
Bacon (long clear), per lb.		.22
Beef, per lb.	.10@	.25
Pork, per lb.	.12½@	.25
Mutton, per lb.	.15@	.20
Lamb, hindquarter	2.00@	2.50
Lamb, forequarter	1.50@	2.00
Veal, per lb.	.10@	.20
Suet, per lb.		.15
Farm Produce.		
Fresh Island Eggs		.65
Butter, Cowichan		.50
Buter, Victoria		.50
Butter, Salt Spring		.50
Butter, Eastern Townships		.35
Lard, per lb.		.20
Western Canada Flour Mills.		
Purity, per sack		1.90
Purity, per bbl.		7.25
Hungarian Flour.		
Ogilvie's Royal Household, per sack		1.90
Ogilvie's Royal Household, per bbl.		7.25
Robin Hood, per sack		1.90
Robin Hood, per bbl.		7.25
Vancouver Milling Co., Hungarian, per sack		1.85
Vancouver Milling Co., Hungarian, per bbl.		7.10
Lake of Woods, per sack		1.90
Lake of Woods, per bbl.		7.25
Calgary Hungarian, per sack		1.90
Calgary Hungarian, per bbl.		7.25
Enderby, per sack		1.80
Enderby, per bbl.		7.10
Pastry Flours.		
Snowflake, per sack		1.85
Snowflake, per bbl.		7.00
Vancouver Milling Co., Wild Rose		1.75
Drifted Snow per sack		1.75
Grain.		
Wheat, chicken feed, per ton	35.00@	45.00
Wheat, per lb.		.02½
Whole Corn		45.00
Cracked Corn		47.00
Oats		35.00
Crushed Oats		37.00
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 7-lb. sk.	.35@	.40
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 20-lb. sk.		1.05
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 40-lb. sk.		1.90
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 80-lb. sk.		3.50
Oatmeal, 10-lb. sack		.50
Oatmeal, 50-lb. sack		2.25
Rolled Wheat, 10 lbs.		.65
Cracked Wheat, 10 lbs.		.55
Wheat Flakes, per packet	.12½@	.25
Whole Wheat Flour, 10 lbs.		.45
Graham Flour, 10 lbs.		.50
Graham Flour, 50 lbs.		1.75
Feed.		
Hay (baled), per ton	20.00@	22.00
Straw, per ton		16.00
Middlings, per ton		33.00
Bran, per ton		32.00
Ground Feed, per ton		33.00
Shorts		33.00
Poultry.		
Dressed Fowl, per lb.	.25@	.35
Ducks, per lb.	.25@	.30
Geese (Island), per lb.	.20@	.25
Fruit.		
Bananas, doz.		.35
Grapefruit each, 10c., or 3 for		.25
Lemons, doz.	.30@	.35
Oranges, doz.	.30@	.50
Canteloupes, each	.10@	.15
Peaches, lb.		.08
Plums, lb.		.05
Watermelons, lb.		.02½
Apples, lb.	.05@	.08
Grapes, lb.	.10@	.15
Vegetables.		
Beets, lb.		.03
Cabbage, lb.		.02
Onions, lb.		.04
Turnips, lb.		.02
Green Corn, doz.		.20
Carrots, lb.		.03
Green Peas, lb.		.05
Beans, lb.		.05
Potatoes (B. C.)		1.50
Potatoes (Island)		1.75
Fish.		
Salmon, Red Spring, lb.		.20
Salmon, White Spring, lb.		.20
Halibut (Vancouver), lb.		.15
Cod, lb.		.12½
Herring, lb.		.10
Finnan Haddie, lb.		.15
Bloaters, lb.		.12½
Shrimps (alive), lb.		.35
Shrimps (imported), lb.		.25
Crabs (local), lb.		.12½
Crabs (imported), lb.		.15
Oolichans (salted), lb.		.15
Salmon Bellies, lb.		.15
Flounders, lb.		.10
Soles, lb.		.15
Kippers		.12½
Mackerel, fresh Eastern, lb.		.20
Smelts, lb.		.15

WHOLESALE MARKET.

Almonds, per lb.		.20
Apples (local)	1.50@	2.00
Apples, Jonathan		2.50
Bacon		.19
Bananas		.05½
Beets, per sack		2.00
Cabbage, per lb.	.03@	.02½
Cheese	.17½@	.18
Chesnuts		.18
Comox Butter		.43
Creamery Butter		.34
New Zealand Butter		.35
Cucumbers (hot-house), per doz.		1.25
Cauliflower, per doz.		1.75
Eggs (local)		.65
Eggs (California fresh)		.45
Eggs (Eastern)	.32@	.35
Filberts, per lb.		.15
Green Onions		.40
Grapes (Malaga), barrel		7.50
Grapes (Winter Emperor)		.15
Grapefruit, per box		4.00
Hams		.18
Haddies, per lb.		.09
Lard	.13½@	.14½
Lemons	4.50@	5.50
Lettuce (hot-house), per crate		1.25
Onions (California)		.02½
Parsley		.50
Peanuts, roasted		.10
Pomegranates		2.00
Potatoes (local)	30.00@	35.00
Sweet Potatoes		.02½
Turnips, per sack		1.00
Walnuts, per lb.	.16@	.21
Oranges, navel		2.25
Oranges, Japanese		.55
Butter, Comox		.47

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FOR U. S. STEEL EMPLOYEES.

New York, Dec. 27.—Allotments of common and preferred shares for 1912 were made to employees under the United States Steel corporation's profit-sharing plan, it was said after a meeting of the directors yesterday. The amounts and prices were not disclosed, but announcement on this point may be made before the close of the year.

BLOWN TO ATOMS.

Middlesboro, Ky., Dec. 27.—Edward Vanbever, of Little Clear Creek, was blown to atoms while discharging dynamite. Vanbever was celebrating Christmas. Thinking that the fuse attached to a stick of dynamite had been extinguished, he walked up to relight it. The explosion followed.

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SLOT MACHINE FOR CANADIAN COINS

B. C. Telephone Company is Now Experimenting at Vancouver

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—The B. C. Telephone Company has had manufactured a "nickle-in-the-slot" machine which will take Canadian five-cent pieces. The sample was made for the purpose of ascertaining if such a machine could be made to satisfy the needs of the city. At present there is some difficulty experienced among the telephone users in getting enough American nickels for the machines. On some of them there is a place where dimes may be inserted and these slots are often used for the Canadian five-cent pieces. Sometimes the Canadian coins will suit and sometimes they will not. In speaking of this, G. H. Halse, secretary of the telephone company, said:

"We would very glady install these machines at the present time if there was a company which would manufacture them at a reasonable price, but unless several telephone companies combine to place an order for a large number of machines the concern which made this one sample will not accept an order."

It is intimated that there is a movement on foot by the government to manufacture a Canadian nickel five-cent piece. If this is so the silver five-cent pieces might go out of use and it would then be necessary to manufacture another "nickel-in-the-slot" machine which would accommodate the larger coins. It is wholly probable that as soon as something definite is announced by the government as to the size of the new Canadian five-cent coin the telephone companies of the Dominion will adopt a uniform and more convenient nickel-in-the-slot vending machine.

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COFFEE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 27.—Coffee, No. 7, Rio, 14¼; futures closed steady; December, $14.07; March, $13.26.

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OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral of the late Joseph Killaparo took place this morning at 9 o'clock from the Victoria Undertaking parlors, Father Laterme conducting the services. The pallbearers were: Messrs. J. Basso, L. Gray, James Annes, H. Andrews, J. Silsser and R. Andrews.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Fairall took place at 2.30 this afternoon from the Victoria Undertaking parlors, the services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Connell. There were many floral offerings. The pallbearers were: Messrs. W. M. Ross, T. P. McConnell, George Odell, W. E. Foxwell, C. W. Kirk and J. Saunders.

Mrs. Emily Gertrude Thompson died early this morning at the Jubilee hospital. The deceased, who was the wife of W. F. H. Thompson, was 46 years of age and was born in Heckington, Lincolnshire, although she had just recently come here from Vermilion, Alberta, with her husband and family to take up residence. The remains have been removed to the B. C. Funeral Furnishing parlors, from where the funeral will take place on Saturday next at 2.30, the services being conducted by Rev. Robert Connell.

New York, Dec. 27.—Isaac Harris and Max Blank, indicted for manslaughter in connection with the Triangle Shirtwaist Company fire, were acquitted by a jury late this afternoon.

Ward Three Meeting

A meeting of the Electors of Ward 3 will be held in the old Fire Hall at Oaklands, on

Thursday, December 28

At 8 p. m. All prospective candidates for the Mayoralty and Aldermanic Board are invited to be present.

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AUSTARLIAN BOYS ARRIVE TO-MORROW

Will Give Three Entertainments in City—Cadets and Scouts Will Welcome Them

The forty-five boys of the Australian Boys' League who are touring the empire will arrive in the city to-morrow afternoon by the Vancouver boat in charge of Lieut. J. J. Simons. The party will be met at the wharf and welcomed to Victoria. The High school cadets and the local troops of the Boy Scouts, with the band of the Scouts under Bandmaster Plowright, will be drawn up at the wharf to receive the visitors.

From the wharf the boys will march in military order, escorted by the cadets and scouts, through the city by way of Belleville, Government and Yates streets to the Y. M. C. A., dispersing there. From the building, which will be their centre during their stay, the boys will be taken by members of the committee in charge of accommodations to the various private homes where hospitality is being extended to them.

A series of entertainments by the visitors has been arranged for, to take place on Friday evening, Saturday matinee and evening, particulars of which will be given later. A meeting is called for this evening at 8 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. to complete the arrangements. The boys remain here until the evening of Tuesday, January 2.

LOCAL NEWS

Reported Sale.—Mrs. Watts-Jones is reported to have sold about four hundred acres along the B. C. E. R. adjoining the three hundred acres sold by her to the agents for the Duke of Sutherland.

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Business Purchased.—Mr. Pimlott, late of Strawberry Vale Grocery, has purchased the business of H. Ackroyd, of Royal Oak, and will take possession on March 1st. A blacksmith and carriage shop is under construction near the station and will be open about the same time.

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Good Opportunity.—A high class man to solicit business in Victoria and district for one of the world's largest Life Insurance Companies. Give references, age and qualifications. Address, M. Risk, 215 Metropolitan Building, Vancouver.

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Political Equality League.—There will be a meeting of the executive of the Political Equality League at their rooms on Friday evening at 8 o'clock to arrange the programme for the coming year's work. The committee are planning to do very active work in the forthcoming year, and trust that all who are interested in the success of the work will be present on Friday evening.

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Civic Voters' List.—In spite of the erasion of names in dispute, the civic voters' list exceeds greatly the total of last year, as now finally made up, over 6,650 names being included, an increase of over 300 from the list on which the election of April was taken. The lists are also remarkably clean, and demonstrate the care with which the officials charged with their preparation have gone about their work.

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Royal Oak Festivities.—The Xmas tree held in the Royal Oak hall on Wednesday night proved a great success. It was under the management of the Women's Institute and included Royal Oak, Prospect, Elk Lake and Strawberry Vale schools. The programme was much enjoyed by a bumper house, the chief items being the drill by seven girls of Prospect school and club swinging by the girls of the Royal Oak school.

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Making Good Progress.—The rock work on the Saanich branch of the B. C. Electric Railway is being pushed while the wet weather is on. About fifty men are encamped at the base of Little Saanich mountain and operations are conducted both ways from that point, a trestle is being built at a point near the Wilkerson road. Charles Jones, of Burnside road, holds the contract for the fencing of the entire route and he has a large force of men on this work. Their camp is in the Garden City subdivision.

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Daughters of Pity Dance.—The following committee has been drawn up to attend to the refreshments at the ball to be given on Friday, at the Alexandra club, by the Daughters of Pity in aid of the children's ward of the Jubilee hospital: Mrs. Jameson, the Misses Gavin-Burns, Olive Fawcett, Minto, Gunnison and Hiscock. The floor committee: Drs. E. Hasell and A. G. Sinclair, Lieut.-Col. Gregory, Messrs. H. G. Dalby, J. D. Virtue, Newton, Marshall and Bromley. Music committee: Mrs. Charles E. Wilson and Miss Thain. All friends of the Daughters of Pity, who are contributing cakes, will kindly send or leave these at the Alexandra Club any time early on Friday morning.

TRAINS COLLIDE.

Mason City, Ia., Dec. 27.—In a head-on collision between passenger trains on the Chicago and Northwestern railroad at Springfield, Minn., to-day, fifteen persons were injured, several seriously, according to a report which reached here this afternoon.

E. B. MARVIN DIES AT LOS ANGELES

PIONEER CITIZEN CROSSES THE DIVIDE

Came Here in Gold Rush, and Remained to Build Up Prosperous Mercantile House

Word has been received in the city of the death at Los Angeles, California, of E. B. Marvin, one of the best-known business men of Victoria. He went south in September in the hope of recovering his health, which has been failing for the past year, but never rallied, and the end came peacefully at 12.30 yesterday in the presence of his wife and family.

His death removes another of the pioneers of the city, and his memory will be cherished by the rapidly decreasing number of those who saw the city in the early days of the gold fever, which was the direct cause of Mr. Marvin's coming here, after experiences in California and Australia in the strenuous fifties.

Mr. Marvin was born in the city of Halifax, N. S., in 1830, and left his native city to seek his fortune in California in 1852, where he arrived after a passage of one hundred and sixty days via Cape Horn. San Francisco was then a city of 25,000, the population being of all nationalities. Mr. Marvin remained in the southern city till 1857, passing through all the excitement of the Vigilance Committee of those early years. In the latter year he went to Australia, and sought his fortune in the mines, remaining there till September, 1858, when he left the Victoria goldfields for British Columbia. He arrived at Esquimalt harbor on January 14, 1859, and remained in the city till the following June, when he again went south to San Francisco, and continued in California till February, 1860, when he returned to Victoria, and proceeded up the Fraser to the Cariboo fields. He made the hazardous journey up river to Quesnel by canoe, but like many others, not being successful in mining, he came back to Victoria, and commencing business in July, 1860, where he carried on the largest ship chandlery business in this city.

He was a member of the city council in 1876, and the two following years, and was appointed at that period a J. P. for the province. He afterwards became greatly interested in mining and the sealing industry. In the ship chandlery business he was associated with the late Capt. J. G. Cox, another highly respected pioneer, who passed away a few years ago, and when his health failed, the active management of the firm, E. B. Marvin & Co., devolved on his son-in-law, F. W. Adams, who has been associated with him for a number of years.

Mr. Marvin was of a kindly disposition, and his death removes a sterling citizen who enjoyed the respect of the community and the esteem and confidence of the business men of the province.

The interment will take place to-morrow afternoon at Los Angeles at 2 o'clock.

CARRIED SUITCASE FULL OF DYNAMITE

Man Arrested in Mill Town Declares He Will Make Statement

Pittsburg, Dec. 27.—"I'm going to clear myself. I will not take all the blame for this and the rest of them will have to take their medicine along with me," was the utterance to-day of George Bridges, a stranger arrested at Monesin, Pa., while carrying a suitcase containing 79 sticks of dynamite and a roll of fuse.

Bridges weakened in police questioning and the authorities declared he would make a clean breast of it when taken before a magistrate for a preliminary hearing late this afternoon. Little is known of the man. He appeared at Monesin several weeks ago. Eight thousand non-union men are employed in the mills of the town.

Dynamite Found.

Rochester, Pa., Dec. 27.—Twenty-four sticks of dynamite, twelve caps wrapped in cotton and ten yards of fuse securely packed in a case evidently made for the purpose, and resembling an ordinary travelling bag, were found in the barns of McDonald & Hartman, dealers in contractors' supplies, to-day, by Albert Wilhelm, a clerk in the firm's employ. The find was turned over to the police, who learned that the case also contained a long paper knife bearing the name of a Philadelphia company. The police recognized the bag as one they had seen in the hands of a stranger several days ago. Since the finding of a quantity of explosives near the end of the Pittsburg & Erie railroad bridge across the Ohio river from here several months ago, said to have been planted by agents of the McNamaras, the police have been active and the bridge has been guarded night and day.

PERSONAL.

John McKay will leave this evening on the Umatilla for San Diego.

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Mrs. Campbell McCallum is giving a dance on Thursday evening at the family residence, Foul Bay.

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Mrs. John Cochrane, Linden Ave., will not receive to-morrow (Thursday) but will be at home the last Thursday in January.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Miller, accompanied by their families are at the Dominion hotel, from Lumsden, Sask., on a brief visit.

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Mr. E. McMillan, editor and proprietor of the Moose Jaw Morning News, is visiting his father, Wm. McMillan, of Royal Oak. He is accompanied by Mrs. McMillan.

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Mrs. McDonald, of 741 View street, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Upper, of Edmonton, and W. A. Assenheimer, of Vancouver, will leave this evening on the S. S. Umatilla for San Francisco.

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Mr. Hickson will leave Victoria this evening on a return trip to Wheatley, Ontario. He will take the Umatilla to 'Frisco and thence travel north again on the Southern Pacific railway line.

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Frank J. McNamara, special correspondent of the Vancouver Province in this city, will leave to-night for his former home in Walkerton, Ont., having been called there by news of his father's serious illness.

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Miss Leggrettia Green was the recipient of many handsome and useful presents yesterday at the linen shower given in her honor at the residence of her friend, Mrs. Keating. Miss Green will be married next Tuesday to Capt. Birss, acting first officer on the S. S. Tees, the service, owing to a recent family bereavement, being private.

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Visitors from the prairies who are staying in the city include Mr. and Mrs. J. Strachan, G. M. Strachan, William Leith and Miss Leith, of Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Francis and Mr. and Mrs. McConnell, of Saskatoon, who are registered at the Dominion hotel. After visiting the scenic features of Vancouver Island they will go south to California to spend the winter.

PRESENTATION TO MANAGER.

Popular Official of F. R. Stewart & Co. Receives Tangible Tribute From Staff.

At the offices of F. R. Stewart & Co. on Saturday evening the manager of the Victoria branch, Robert H. Brenchley, was presented by the staff with three pieces of cut glass, consisting of sugar basin, cream jug and fruit dish, in testimony of their appreciation of the pleasant relations which have existed between himself and the staff during the previous twelve months as at all times in the past.

The presentation was made by E. Rigby, bookkeeper, on behalf of the employees, who assembled in the general office for the occasion, and Mr. Brenchley suitably replied, acknowledging the kindness which prompted their gift at that season of the year.

BROKEN RAIL CAUSES WRECK.

Laramie, Wyo., Dec. 27.—Union Pacific westbound train No. 7, running 40 miles an hour, was wrecked to-day fourteen miles west of here. The engine left the track on account of a broken rail and was followed by the first three cars. The dining car chef was seriously injured and a number of passengers were slightly hurt. A relief train with surgeons and the wrecker were sent from here.

COTTON WEAVERS ARE LOCKED OUT

Order Throws 160,000 Employees of Lancashire Mills Out of Work

Manchester, Eng., Dec. 27.—Notices were posted to-day at all of the mills belonging to members of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners in North and Northeast Lancashire that the cloth mills will be closed to-night and not be reopened until further notice.

Weavers numbering 160,000 will be locked out and an equal number of spinners will be reduced to half time. The Federation of Master Cotton Spinners decided to curtail the production of yarn by stopping work on three days in each week, beginning January 1, while the looms are idle.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT BROCKVILLE

Rain Aids Firemen in Fight With Flames — Property Loss Total $60,000

Brockville, Ont., Dec. 27.—At an early hour this morning the main business section of Brockville narrowly escaped being wiped out by a fire which destroyed the Hotel Strathcona, the largest and finest hotel in the town. A heavy rain proved the only salvation. After a hard fight the firemen triumphed, but the hotel was reduced to ashes. It was erected by Thos. Tomkinson, of Ottawa, in 1901, at a cost of $73,000. The loss is about $60,000, with insurance of $35,000.

KING AND QUEEN TO PAY STATE VISITS

London, Dec. 27.—The Express says: "It is understood that King George and Queen Mary will undertake a series of state visits to European capitals in 1912."

SIR CHARLES IMPROVING.

London, Dec. 27.—A report from Bexley Heath, Kent, says that Sir Charles Tupper, who is suffering from an acute attack of bronchitis, is improving.

GAS WORKERS MAY STRIKE.

New York, Dec. 27.—An order to strike of the 32,000 gas workers in this city is promised within the next 48 hours by the executive board of the Gas Workers' Union. The committee was recently vested with full power to start a general strike in the event of failure to obtain a satisfactory settlement with President Geo. B. Cortelyou, of the Consolidated Gas Company. The demands of the union are for recognition and uniform wage scale.

DIED

MARVIN—At 12.35, on December 26th, E. B. Marvin passed away peacefully at his residence at 2151 West Twentieth street, Los Angeles, Cal.

Interment will take place at Los Angeles on Thursday, December 28th, at 2 p. m.

THOMPSON—On the 27th inst., at Royal Jubilee hospital, Emily Gertrude, beloved wife of Mr. W. F. H. Thompson, late of Vermillion, Alberta, aged 46 years; born Heckington, Lincolnshire, England.

The funeral will take place on Saturday at 2.30 p. m. from the chapel of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Co., Government street, where service will be conducted. Interment in Ross Bay cemetery, Victoria, B. C.

(Edmonton papers please copy.)

RENWICK—On the 24th inst., at Rossland, B. C., Haliburton Paul Renwick, son of the late Dr. Renwick, aged 32 years. Born in Nagasaki, Japan.

The funeral will take place on Thursday, Dec. 28th, at 10.15 a. m., from the chapel of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Co., Government street, to St. Johns church, where service will be conducted at 10.30. Interment in Ross Bay cemetery.

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A REAL BARGAIN—10 room house and one acre in Victoria West, close to car, only $7,500; terms. $1,500 cash and balance over four years. W. R. Reynolds & Co., 301 Times Building. Phone 2824. j29

WANTED—Offer on lot 1, block 38, Port Hardy. This is a corner lot on the widest street. P. O. Box 1452. d27

GARBALLY ROAD—Between Douglas and Sumas streets, 50-foot front lot, to be sacrificed for $1,700, on terms. This is a sure money maker. Telephone 2741. d27

JAMES BAY BARGAIN—Ontario street, near St. Lawrence street, lot 60x129, for $2,500, on terms. An 80x240-foot lot across the street was withdrawn from the market; the owner was asking $10,000 for it. P. O. Box 1452. d27

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1229 Douglas St.

WANTED—To rent, a house of 6 rooms, by responsible adult family. Box 660, Times. d30

OUTER WHARF WATER FRONT—60x120, price for quick sale $13,500, very easy terms. Russell & Gregg, 207 Pemberton Bldg. d27

GRADE HOLSTEIN COW, good milker, due Jan. 3. Apply David Tait, Keating. d29

TO RENT—6 roomed, modern house in Oak Bay. Crompton & Barton, 130 Pemberton Bldg. d27

$950, ON TERMS, for corner of Bay and Avebury streets, 64x118. Crompton & Barton, 130 Pemberton Bldg. d27

PORT HARDY LOTS from $150, upon terms. Crompton & Barton, 130 Pemberton Bldg. d27

A HOUSE BARGAIN—Owner leaving city, for eight days only, 6 rooms, nearly new, furnished, on Graham street, one lot from the proposed Hillside car, lot 60x130, nice garden, basement and stairs to it from the inside, chicken house and all complete, furniture valued at $600, price for quick sale $4,200; $750 cash, balance 6, 12, 18. Imperial Realty Co., 545 Bastion street. d27

OAK BAY LOTS AND HOUSES—We have some cheap lots and houses for sale in Oak Bay at present. See us at once. Imperial Realty Co., 545 Bastion street. d27

CASH PRIZES, LIMERICKS—For Christmas prizes see The Week. You write one line only to win a prize. The first Limerick competition offered in B. C. Easy, amusing and profitable. d27

TO LET—A pleasant bedroom. 314 Oswego street. j3

LOST—Airedale terrier dog, answers to name "Nero." Finder will receive reward on returning to Empress Boat-house. d29

FOR SALE—One 2-year-old Holstein bull. W. E. Hill, Gordon Head. d27

WARM, COMFORTABLE ROOMS, with good board, $5.50 per week; board only, $4 per week. C. I. A. Boarding House, 2515 Turner street, Rock Bay. j27

THREE bright, front housekeeping rooms, furnished, including gas range. 2614 Blanchard street. d29

WANTED—3 good outside men, only hustlers and those used to earning good salaries need apply. Room 319 Pemberton Block. d29

WANTED—Position by good, reliable ranch hand (with wife), to take charge of ranch; experienced with horses and cattle. Box 424, Times. d29

YOUNG GIRL to help with baby and do light house work. 457 Niagara St. d29

WE HAVE numerous inquiries for houses from $2,750 to $4,500. If you have such a house list it with us for quick sale. Wallace & Clarke, 620 Yates street. j2

A CHANCE for suitable tenants to rent part of fully modern house very reasonable; close to car, every convenience; no children. Box 433, Times. j3

LOST—On Dominion road, Victoria West, between Douglas road and Gorge car line, lady's silver hunting case watch, with gentleman's gold chain attached. Please return to Times Office. d29

A CASH BARGAIN—A new, 3 roomed home, 18x24, on a good, high, level lot, 50x110, 10 minutes walk from Douglas car and 8 minutes from Burnside; price $950. Grubb & Letts, Green Block, Broad street. d27

EXPERIENCED, reliable, industrious real estate salesman, 30 years of age, would like situation. Box 436, Times. d27

WANTED—To buy, cheap for cash, lot suitable to build on, or house and lot; give full particulars. Address Box 437, Times. d29

FOR SALE—Violin and camera. Apply 1066 Rebecca street. j3

WANTED—To let, a carriage paint shop. Apply Box 432 Times. d30

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TO PLASTERERS—Figures wanted for a seven roomed house. Box 434, Times. d29

SAANICH SNAP—200 acres, overlooking sea and Government Experimental Farm, beautiful view of the Gulf Islands, good water, would make fine subdivision in 5 and 10-acre blocks; for quick sale $125 per acre, on very easy terms. Phone 14. McKillican & North, Sidney, Vancouver Island, B. C. d29

ROCKLAND PARK—A fine, 4 roomed cottage, panelled, burlapped and tinted, hot and cold water in basement, which is floored; lot 50x110; price $2,850; cash $500. Grubb & Letts. d27

TO THE MAN WHO WANTS A HOME—Buy now in Sea View sub-division, 2-acre blocks, close to school, beach and station, ideal for poultry and fruit, terms are exceptionally easy; exclusive sale. McKillican & North, Sidney, B.C. Take V. & S. R. R. d29

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BEFORE BUYING in Saanich see our list of poultry and fruit farms, beach front lots and acreage, houses and lots. Take V. & S. R. R. McKillican & North, Phone 14, Sidney. d29

DOUBLE CORNER—King's road and Avebury, $1,850. Look this up. R. W. Clark, 1112 Government street. d29

TO RENT—Furnished housekeeping rooms; no children. 1029 Burdette Ave. d29

BUY THIS WEEK—See us for McRae Heights, high and dry, no rock, view of Oak Bay and city, $600; these will soon be worth $1,000 each. May we show them to you? Only $100 cash, balance very easy. Grubb & Letts. d27

TO RENT—Superior bedrooms, with meals if required, 901 Burdette Ave.; no children. d28

TO RENT—3-stall stable, with coach house, right in city. Box 408, Times. d28

ARE YOU looking for James Bay waterfront? Call in and see our listings. Wallace & Clarke, 620 Yates street. d29

GOOD BUYS IN JAMES BAY—Corner Superior and Oswego, 80x120, price $8,000; corner Michigan and Oswego, 80x120, $6,000, terms, 1-3 cash, balance arranged; two lots on Berwick avenue, close to Dallas road and car, price this week $1,700 each, on easy terms. Wm. Dunford & Son, 232-233 Pemberton Block. d29

FELL STREET—Just off Oak Bay avenue, one 5 and one 6 room bungalow, complete, with beamed ceilings, plate rails, burlap, cement basement and furnace, priced at $4,500 and $4,600, on easy terms, from the builders, Wm. Dunford & Son, 232-233 Pemberton Block. d29

WANTED—Good building lot, near waterfront preferred; state terms. Box 428, Times. d29

TENDERS WANTED for the painting (labor only) of a bungalow. Apply 413 Sayward Block. d29

WANTED—Lady stenographer. The Staneland Company, Ltd., 840 Fort St. d29

SHOAL BAY—Small, new house, 2 rooms, burlapped and panelled, on lot 60x115, adjoining lots sold for $1,000; house cost $400 to build 3 months ago; we are instructed to offer it complete this week at $1,200; terms, ¼ cash, balance in three years (on mortgage). Wm. Dunford & Son, 232-3 Pemberton Block. d29

AT COLWOOD—We have a few small pieces of acreage in this popular district at $300 an acre, on easy terms. Wm. Dunford & Son, 232-3 Pemberton Block. d29

BURNSIDE ROAD—We have a good 5 room house and lot, size 50x120, just one block from the car line, at the low price of $1,800; terms, $500 cash, balance $15 a month. Wm. Dunford & Son, 232-3 Pemberton Block. d29

BURNSIDE ROAD—We have a corner lot, one block from car line, size 50x120, for $1,000, terms, $250 cash, balance $5 quarterly. Wm. Dunford & Son, 232-3 Pemberton Block. d29

BUY IN JAMES BAY, where the big move is. Here is the cheapest buy; modern, 5 room cottage, on lot 48x120, Michigan street, east of Menzies; only $4,000, on terms. T. P. McConnell, Suite 408, Pemberton. d27

JUST RECEIVED, at the Sandringham, 729 Fort street, a large assortment of indoor games for the holidays and winter evenings. d29

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SHORTHAND—The new term for the Royal Simplified System of Shorthand (Pitmans Simplified) commences January 2nd. Those wishing to take an appointment as stenographer and typist at Easter should apply immediately to the Royal Stenographic Co., 426 Sayward Building. Tel. 2601. Day and evening classes. Languages and bookkeeping also taught. d27

NEW HOME on Cecil street, 4 rooms, bath and pantry, full sized basement, fireplaces, built in buffet, electric light and water, lot 50x120; price this week $2,850; $500 cash, balance to arrange on easy terms. Allen & Son, over Northern Crown Bank. Phone 1650. d27

LOT 12, block 12, Edmonton road, third lot from Fernwood, 58x116, level lot, no rock; this week only at $550; ¼ cash, balance easy. Allen & Son. Phone 1650. d27

PRIOR STREET—Between King's road and Hillside avenue, 59x120, to lane, must be sold at once, $1,200; ¼ cash, balance 6, 12, 18 months. Allen & Son, over Northern Crown Bank. d27

SEE US for ranches and acreage, close in. Allen & Son, over Northern Crown Bank. d27

HODGSON & POWELL, 220 Pemberton, have the best selection of Hollywood Park lots. See us at once. d29

THE GORGE—Albina street, lot 50x125, new 3 room shack and large woodshed, within two minutes of Gorge car, $1,800, on easy terms. Camosun Realty Co., Royal Hotel Bldg., Fort street. d29

STRAYED—Fox terrier pup, answers to name of Casey. Finder please return to 32 South Turner street. d28

EMPRESS HOTEL New Year Ball

Will be held on Monday, First Jan., 1912.

The number will be limited to 200, so as to prevent overcrowding, and supper will be served at one sitting.

SUPPER MENU.

Esquimalt Oysters on Half Shell.
Consomme Double.
Fried Filet of Flounder, Colbert
Cucumbers.
Broiled Breast of Spring Chicken, Henry IV.
Julienne of Potatoes. French Peas.
Lettuce and Tomato Salad.
Bombe Favorite. Petits Fours. Coffee.
Cold Buffet.
Supreme of Chicken, Bohemian. Ham.
Tongue. Pressed Beef. Sirloin of Beef.
Bergerere. Turkey. Chicken.
Salad Waldorf. Combination Salad.
Salad Macedoine.
Light Refreshments will be Served in the Palm Room during the Evening.
Claret Cup. White Wine Cup. Lemonade.
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Painde Luxeau Foie Gras.
Mixed Cakes. Neapolitan Ice Cream.
Fruit.
Empress Orchestra. Specially Augmented.
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$2500, 5-roomed cottage near the corner of Vancouver and Fairfield Road; terms, $500 cash, balance monthly.

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$1,800—$400 cash, balance easy, shack 24x14; lot 40x184 to 20 ft. lane. All in fruit; fenced, and good garden.

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DO YOU WANT a 5 room bungalow, with furniture and cooking utensils? Only $3,000. House built last year; high and dry. See my photos of houses for sale. R. W. Clark, 1112 Government St. d27

FOR SALE—Two roomed shack, to be removed from Oak Bay district; also good stove. Apply 2066 Chaucer street, after 6 p. m. d28

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NOTICE

"Navigable Waters Protection Act."

Notice is hereby given that Ludwig Hermann Leonholm and John Barnsley of Victoria, British Columbia, are applying to His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada in Council for approval of the area plans, site and description of works proposed to be constructed in Selkirk Waters, Victoia Arm, Victoria, B. C., being on the lands situate lying and being in the city of Victoria aforesaid, and known, numbered and described as lots thirty-four (34), thirty-five (35) and thirty-six (36) Burnside Extension of the Work Estate as shown on the map or plan filed in the Land Registry Office at the City of Victoria, British Columbia, and numbered one hundred and eleven (111) and has deposited the area and site plans of the proposed works and a description thereof with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, and a duplicate thereof with the Registrar General of Titles in the Land Registry Office in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, and that the matter of the said application will be proceeded with at the expiration of one month from the time of the first publication of this notice in the "Canada Gazette."

Dated this 11th day of December, A. D., 1911.

LUDWIG HERMANN LOENHOLM.
JOHN BARNSLEY.
Petitioners.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NORA LAUGHER, DECEASED.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claims or demands against the late Nora Laugher, who died on or about the 6th November, 1911, at the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, are required to send by post prepaid or to deliver to the undersigned, solicitors herein for W. O. Wallace and Arthur Lawder, executors under the will of the said Nora Laugher, their names and addresses and particulars in writing of their claims and statements of their accounts, duly verified by declaration, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the 10th day of January, 1912, the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice, and that the said executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or whose claim they shall not then have received notice.

Dated a Victoria, B. C., the 30th day of November, 1911.

ROBERTSON & HEISTERMAN,
514 Fort St., Victoria, B. C.,
Solicitors for the said Executors.

LIQUOR ACT, 1910

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners of the City of Victoria, B. C., at the next sittings thereof, for a transfer of the retail liquor license in respect of the premises known as the Hall Saloon, situate at 811 Fort street, in the City of Victoria, B. C., from the undersigned to Andrew Kennedy.

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Dated at Barkerville, B. C., this 5th day of December, 1911.

JAMES BIRBY,
Secretary.
Waverly Hydraulic Mining Co., Ltd.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of the Estate of Cecil Vaux Pitts, Deceased, Intestate, and in the Matter of the Official Administrators Act.

Notice is hereby given that under an order granted by the Honorable Mr. Justice Gregory, dated the 8th day of December, 1911, I, the undersigned, was appointed administrator of the estate of the above deceased. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to send particulars of same to me on or before the 8th day of January, 1912, and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 14th day of December, 1911.

WM. MONTEITH,
Official Administrator.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an Act granting to The Victoria Harbor Railway Company an extension of time within which to commence and continuously and effectually proceed with the construction of its railway, and also an extension of time within which to spend fifteen per cent. of its authorized capital upon the construction of its railway.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 4th day of December, 1911.

ROBERTSON & HEISTERMAN,
Solicitors for the Applicants.



A DIFFERENT TRUST

Johnny:—"Mother wants to know if there's any such thing as a sugar trust?"

Grocer:—"Why, of course there is."

Johnny:—"W-wel', mother wants to get trusted for two pounds."

HIS WIFE'S BIRTHDAY

Poor Jones was in a dilemma. It was Mrs. Jones's birthday, and her spouse was well aware that she would be extremely unpleasant if no present was forthcoming. It was not until the morning when he awoke that he remembered it, so he lay for some time thinking of the best way out of the difficulty.

Then he arose, crept downstairs, took the biggest plate he could find from the china-cupboard, and placed it on the hall table. This done, he opened the back door and let the dog in from the yard. Then, tripping lightly upstairs, he called to Mrs. J.:

"This being your birthday, I have prepared a little surprise for you; be quick and come and see how you like it."

Then he ran downstairs again and, kicking out the dog, cried in amazement and wrath, "If that vile beast hasn't eaten the whole of the beautiful cake I had bought for you!"

But he'd forgotten to unmuzzle the brute, and the fact took a lot of explaining away.

"BETTER STORE OF LOVE THAN BRAIN."

For two solid hours they had been saying the usual lovers' good-night, while outside the rain rained with its usual persistency.

"Harold, darling," she murmured, really cannot go home such a night as this, so I'll make you up a bed in the spare room." And upstairs Gertie flew. After a while a knock was heard and down went the surprised Gertie to admit none other than Harold who looked very much like a drowned dog.

"Wherever have you been, Harold?" she exclaimed.

"Oh, that's all right," he answered "I've been home to get my night shirt."

HOME MADE.

The River Clyde has been brought up to its present draught for vessels of large capacity by a system of dredging and the diligent Scotsman is justly proud of it. A party of American sightseers were one day on the look out for wonders and passed some caustic remarks on the river's insignificance.

"Call this a river? Why it's only a mere ditch compared with ours over there—the Mississippi, the St. Lawrence, etc."

"Aye, mon," said a patriotic bystander, "ye can thank Providence for ye're rivers, but we made this oursel's."

NO PLACE FOR SINNERS

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"What's wrong?" demanded the agent. "Isn't the house good enough for you?"

"That's just it—it's too good."

"What do you mean?"

"Well, the wall is a-weeping for the sins of the roof, which, being jerry-built and teetotal, take nowt but water. Every chimbley's a non-smoker, an', well, the 'ouse ain't no place for a hordinary sinner like me!"

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THE PASSING SHOW

The Empress Theatre.

Direct from the Palace theatre of London, Eng., Walton and Lesters come to the Empress theatre this week in a novel act. They are billed as the World's Worst Wizards and their offering consists of a burlesque of stage magic, with apparatus similar to that used by the great magicians. They mingle much mirth with their magic—the latter of the muddled variety, and several good songs are interpolated.

The Fernandez May Duo, who created a great impression at the Olympic music hall in Chicago two seasons ago and have since been playing at the big eastern vaudeville houses are novel instrumentalists. They imitate many musical instruments, violin, cornet, octarino, 'cello, etc., and Miss Fernandez has a wonderful singing voice, having a range of no less than four octaves. The act meets with much applause.

Marie Fitzgobbon, a comedienne who is nothing if not vicacious, and who is possessed of a sweet, clear lyric soprano voice, is heard in some new songs and characterizations. Miss Fitzgibbon has been playing in New York for some time past and while there picked up many of the characterizations she presents.

R. R. Raymouth, the man with three voices, sings some old-time ballads in a delightful way. Coming from the wings singing Annie Laurie the audience assumes that a woman is singing with clear soprano notes until he steps upon the stage. His singing is finished and true, and with his gift of using soprano, tenor or baritone voices, he gives a unique entertainment.

Ned Cork Norton, a black-face comedian, who was at the head of "The Pullman Maids," is a witty funmaker and the good pictures shown by the Empresscope round off a good performance.

Majestic Theatre.

"Wig Wag" is a boy scout picture to be shown to-day and to-morrow, depicting what the Boy Scouts did to develop a boy whose parents were spoiling him by too much solicitude. "The Bandit's Bride," a rather novel feature, shows how a girl is forced to marry a bandit, and then allowing her lover to capture the outlaw and win the reward and herself at the same time. Astis Acrobats," is a film showing some interesting acrobatic performances by trained actors. A few of the acts are remarkable and the production is excellent. "The Deacon's Reward" is the story of how an uncle took care of a man and his family who were most unjustly treated by their nephew. "A Nicotine Conspiracy," a comedy shows how a doctor wins a girl whose father didn't like him. They put up a job on him, stole his cigars, besides many other tricks, and when they are finished the old man is quite willing to consent to their marriage. Beside this excellent lot of pictures there will be a special Gaumont masterpiece production included in this big holiday programme.

Romano Theatre.

"Maud Muller." To those who know Whittier's famous poem, explanations are unnecessary, but for the benefit of those who are not familiar with the Yankee poet's works, the following synopsis is directed.

The poet depicts the meeting on a lovely summer day of Maud Muller, a simple country lass, with the county judge. The meeting occurs near a hayfield, at a spring. The judge receives a glass of water from Maud, lingers longer than need be over the drink. When they separate, each has a sinking sensation at the heart. Years roll by and Maud marries an uneducated man. The judge, also, marries a lady of his own station, yet each feels at heart that thing might have been different.

"The Girl Back East." This is a vivid Essanay drama of life in the Far West.

"Love, Whiskers and Letters," a rollicking farcical comedy. The fellow tries to get his letters back.

"The Grandfather's Violin" is an excellent Pathe drama.

"The Courting of Mary" is a very fine Majestic film. Owen is a sportsman; Mary a tomboy. Each has an aversion for the opposite sex. Pursued by the fair ladies, Owen seeks refuge in fishing. Mary has eluded her admirers, and is comfortably established on the bank of the trout stream, when Owen orders her off. The die is cast, however, and Cupid has secured a victory. Mary's uncle is desirous of marrying a spinster, but the match is objected to by Mary. To get rid of her, the uncle appears to object to Owen, and thus the young pair decide to elope. This is successfully accomplished.

THE ADVANCE MAN

"The Old Town."

Montgomery and Stone, who are making their first trip across the continent, will be seen at the Victoria theatre Thursday night, December 28, in "The Old Town."

It was "The Wizard of Oz" which first gave the two prominence, and this in turn was followed by "The Red Mill," both of which have been given here.

"The Old Town" has been presented almost repeatedly the past two seasons, and so great was the demand for this transcontinental tour that the new play which Montgomery and Stone were scheduled to produce this season has been postponed for a year to permit of the West Coast and Southern cities to see them in their latest endeavor. The list of names comprising the cast are for the most part all new to local theatregoers, and, like the stars, are making their first trip across the Rockies. "The Old Town" numbers some eighty-five people, and includes what has been allowed the cleverest dancing and singing chorus in America. An added feature to "The Old Town" is "The Old Town" pony ballet, who will be seen in a number of original dances.

Seven Days.

Messrs. Wagenhals & Kemper will present their New York Astor Theatre Company at the Victoria Theatre, New Year matinee and night, in the comedy "Seven Days," by Mary Roberts Rinehart and Avery Hopwood, which comes from a third year on Broadway. It is well to have authoritative indorsement of a play, and "Seven Days" has it in abundance. It is offered by its third year in New York, the record for any play in this country; it lies in its six months in Chicago, its four months in Boston and Philadelphia, in its unanimous praise by the press, and above all in the popular favor that has made it the biggest success in this country. Said the New York Tribune of "Seven Days": "It is screamingly funny; it is all fun. The world loves laughter. At 'Seven Days' it can laugh till it is weary." "Seven Days" is as clean as it is amusing. It makes everybody laugh every minute. One proof of its superiority is its power to entertain more thoroughly a second or a third time than the first. It is an endless source of constant laughter. Its action takes place in New York, and its persons are representatives of the smart set and that other that lives by smartness, and there are complications innumerable in the week in which all are shut up in the same house by a quarantine.

De Pachmann.

The return of Vladimir de Pachmann, the Russian pianist, is always welcome, says the critic of the New York Mail and Express, because it assures the return of the sort of piano playing of which we hear all too little in these strenuous days. De Pachmann is, as he always has been, the poet of the keyboard, and it was a delight to note at his recital in Carnegie Hall on Friday afternoon last, October 20, that he has lost none of his cunning, none of his craft, none of his purling, exquisite touch, and, perhaps, none of his native striving for effect, although time has tempered this. Long ago De Pachmann gained the reputation of being the most remarkable Chopin interpreter living, and this has often stood in the way of other interpretations in which the pianist is at his best, perhaps, at an inimitable height. His programme yesterday offered much that was played with wondrous beauty of tone, simplicity, and true inner feeling before he came to the Chopin ground. At the close of the programme an audience closed in about the stage and demanded encore after encore, and it was reluctant to leave the auditorium. De Pachmann will play at the Victoria theatre on January 3. His personality, eccentric and compelling, is not a negligible feature in his performances. Instrumentalists and lovers of instrumental music will do well to hear De Pachmann and study his methods.

MAMMOTH HOTEL PLANNED.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—A large block of property running through from King to Adelaide street, was reported to have been purchased by a syndicate which will erect a mammoth hotel.

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The disclosure in the law courts of London that the hall porter of the Public Schools Club in Albemarle street keeps a motor car of his own will surprise few. We have become used to the idea that the people we tip are often richer than ourselves, says a London exchange. The fact that the man who gratefully accepts our small change may be able to buy us up several times over is only another illustration of the golden maxim: "Look after the pence and the pounds will look after themselves." Contractors who deal in huge sums go bankrupt. Beggars who deal in pennies die and leave five-figure legacies.

We read now and again on the occasion of some law case of newspaper sellers estimating the value of their particular street pitches in hundreds of pounds. There was, for example, the case of the newsvendor outside the Burlington Arcade. We hear of hundreds of pounds offered for pierrot pitches on the beaches of popular watering places. Such cases are striking, but it is the waiter, the head boots, and the hall porter who are the lords of all. The wonderful waiter in "You Never Can Tell," whose son was a K. C., is no exaggeration. The sons of a head waiter who retired from one of the principal Berlin hotels a few years ago are prominent professional men, and his daughter married a financial magnate. When Karl Wilhelm Heinrichs, head waiter at the Elbing in Berlin, retired in 1909, the event was considered of European importance. The news was flashed over the wires to all the capitals, and the regular patrons of the hotel held a special reunion in his honor.

It is only the man ignorant of the ways of life who regards the waiter's calling as degrading. Waiters have been national institutions. They have been the confidants of cabinet ministers, the advisers of rising genius, the comforters of famous men dogged by misfortune. There was Collins, the great waiter of the upper smoking-room of the House of Commons, who died a little time ago regretted by every member of the House. Collins was supposed to know more of what was happening than anybody else in politics. Everybody confided in him; members used to discuss their future lines of policy with him; and Mr. Lloyd George used to say that whenever he wanted to know what the House was going to do about any particular matter he asked Collins. Then there was Gustave, who used to fulfil a similar function to the literary and artistic set at the old Cafe Griensteidl, in Vienna. All the rising geniuses of the capital used to discuss their plans for their new books and plays with him, and, in times of stress, to borrow money from him.

It would be interesting to know how large a part Gustave's hand has played in the art revival of Austria. In Vienna, too, the hall porter at the Imperial was a national figure and a personal friend of the Emperor of Austria. His breast was covered with decorations, conferred on him by various notables who had stayed at the hotel, and when he died after 30 years' service in the doorway he left £60,000 to his family.

These are instances of waiters who have affected the destinies of nations. Descending to merely moneyed waiters, examples are legion. There have been several cases where people sending for the proprietor of their hotel have discovered him in the head waiter or the hall porter, and we know that the ambition of all the waiters who swarm into England is ultimately to own a restaurant of their own. Many of them do it, for these waiters are an eager and vigorous crew. There is one notable little restaurant in Soho whose proprietor worked here a generation ago as assistant waiter, and who is now mayor of his native town in Italy. In New York Mr. Charles Miller, a waiter of the Astor House Hotel, retired with a fortune of £20,000, and the head waiter of the Waldorf Astoria owns a racing stable, a motor car, and a steam yacht. In Vienna, again, the colors of another head waiter are among the most prominent on the racing field. The head boots of a famous hotel in the Trossachs is said to have amassed £17,000 in five years.

With such circumstances it is not surprising to find that members of the aristocracy are taking to the waiter's profession, and that a rigorous class standard is maintained. On November 15 last Viscount Charles Calosso, a waiter, was a witness in a police court case, and when some time ago the waiters of New York started a club of their own they were very rigorous that no "amateurs, ex-steerage stewards from Atlantic liners, and scallywags" were to be admitted. Class distinctions must be maintained. London, of course, has its waiters' clubs, where the waiters have waiters to wait on them, and tip them out of their tips. And it is not surprising to find that the London branch of the Geneva Union, an international association of waiters, which already has its own well-equipped club-house, its own athletic club, and its own burying ground, is prepared to spend £15,000 on new premises.

MOROS FORCED TO SURRENDER.

Manila, Dec. 27.—The Moros, who several days ago retired to the top of Bud Dajo, in the island of Jolo, which they had fortified have capitulated to the American troops. The Moros numbered 600 and defied an ultimatum issued by Brig. Gen. Pershing ordering the disarmament of natives in the district. Their supplies were cut off and they were surrounded in their stronghold by American infantry. Finally they were forced to yield through hunger and marched out and laid down their arms.

Prior to the surrender a desperate band of twenty tried to force an outpost, but were repulsed. Several Moros were killed, but there were no American casualties.

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